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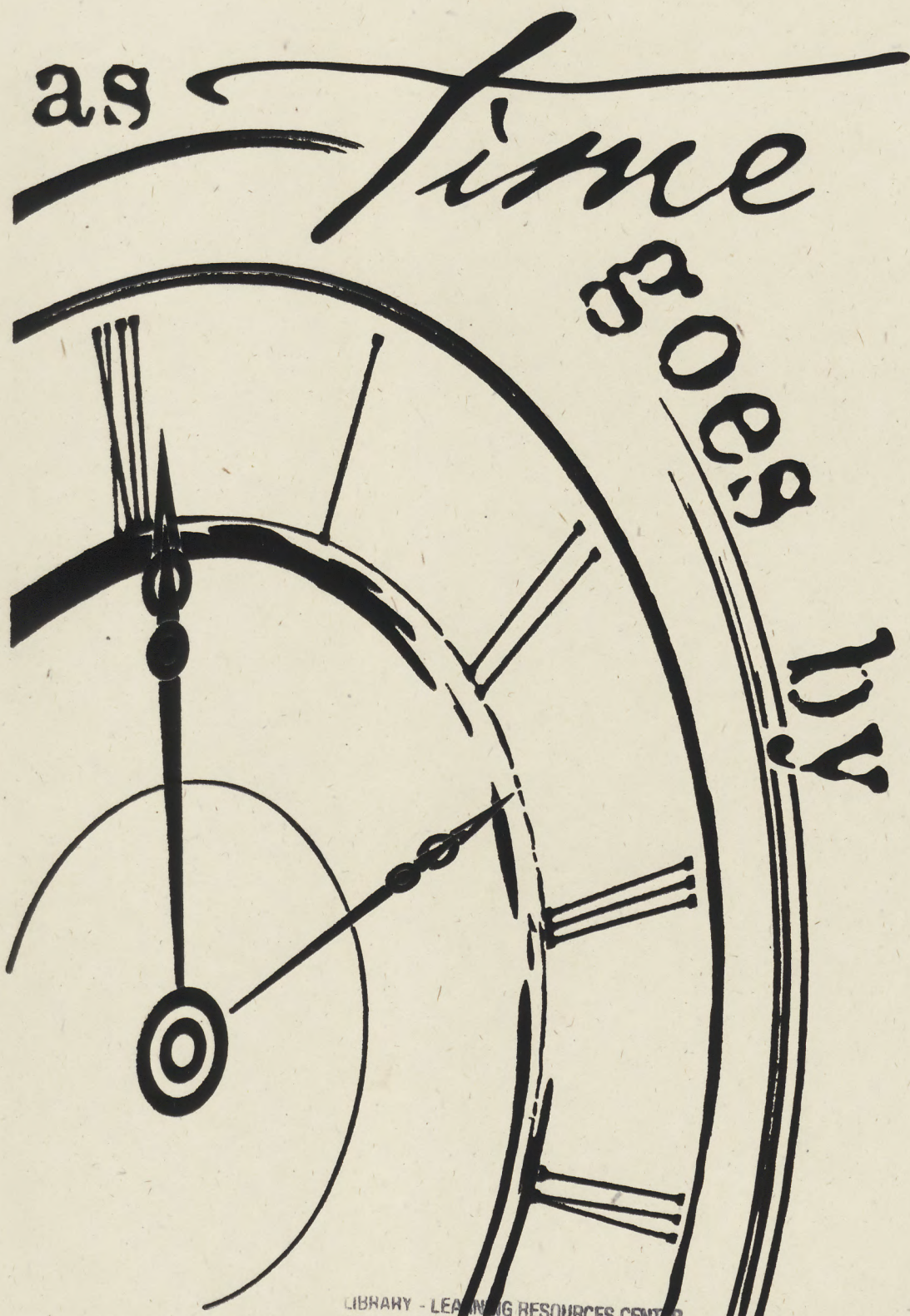
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As TIME *goes by*

What is time? Simply stated, time is the past, present, and future, measured in years, months, days, hours, and seconds.

Time is an equal commodity. Regardless of age, race, sex, or nationality, each person has an equal amount of time each day....24 hours, 1,440 minutes, 86,400 seconds. None of this time can be saved

"rides" change



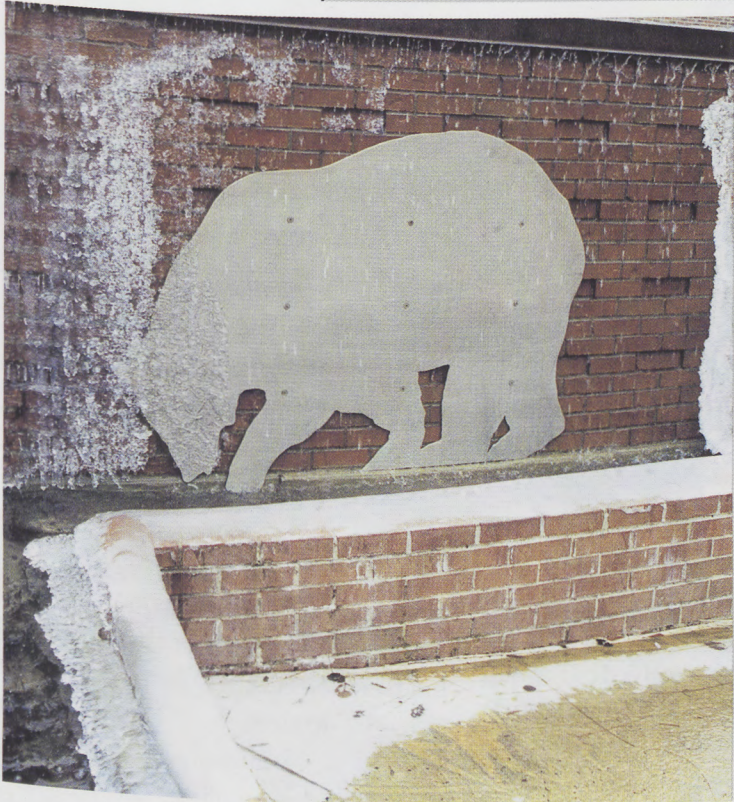
Whether you drove a Chevrolet made in the early 50's like the one seen in McComb, rode in a "bug" like Diane Turnage's '63 model or Dean Johnson's '74 convertible, or owned a '97 Dodge Ram like the one driven by Brandie Simpson during the Fall '02 semester, the results were the same...you traveled in style. The sleek, plain models of yesterday have quickly become, over time, flamboyant, flashy statements of personal preference. Cars, once the "ride" of choice, have given way to more and more trucks and SUV's.

from yesterday or borrowed from tomorrow. Yet, people mark time, go against time, stay behind the times, buy time, have a good time, make time, tell time, or remember a time.

Time moves. When you are young, time passes slowly; when you grow older, time flies.

Time produces statistics. According to Internet sources, one birth occurs every eight seconds and one person dies every fourteen seconds in the world. Since September 28, 2001, the U.S. national debt has increased an average of \$1,140 million per day. Thus, time counts and marks events.

Time brings change. People age, children grow, clothes fade, vehicles change, and seasons change. From its early days in 1918 as a small agricultural high school to the time it became a two-year junior college in 1932, Southwest Mississippi Community College has seen many changes. And yet throughout these past seventy years of change and evolution, Southwest has retained a refreshing sameness that its students have come to enjoy.



seasons change

and Southwest



Long after the season ends and long after these players end their time as Bears, they will remember the friendships they established on the playing fields of Southwest.

Students who attended Southwest during its 2002-03 academic year felt secure in knowing that they received the same opportunities for success and involvement, the same chance to get a quality education at an affordable price as opposed to a four-year institution, and the same possibility of building lifelong relationships as former students received. Now, that's a sameness that was anything but boring.

Over 1,800 students continued their journey through time at Southwest during the fall semester. They came from its district and surrounding counties and states to fill the classrooms,

dorms, and labs in preparation for university settings or community workplaces, yet they received so much more than computer terms, scientific principles, mathematical equations, or short story quotations. They gained skills through all of their classes to improve themselves personally and professionally.

And, as the song "As Time Goes By," originally written by Herman Hupfeld in 1931, states "we must get down to earth at times/relax relieve the tensions," students had plenty of

opportunities to relax, relieve the tension, and fellowship by participating in Bear Necessities Day, Stage Band Shows, Reflection, Choir, athletic events, Bear Jamboree, organizational meetings, Homecoming, and dances. If those were not enough, intramural sports were available for the takers.

Whether through knowledge gained in the classroom or friendships and partnerships gained outside the classroom, in time these Bears will see that Southwest grows more endearing *As Time Goes By*.

STUDENT LIFE



~ 6 ~

ACADEMICS



~ 34 ~

ORGANIZATIONAL



~ 60 ~

grows more endearing



While most students use the bridge as a means to cross campus for classes, Heather Gingell, Emily Smith, and Anna Sasser use the bridge as a quiet place to study A&P.

Lunch time is the time for students to mix fun with food as Aaron Riddle and Carl Finch do in the grill, or students may choose to dine in the cafeteria where many friends can gather around the tables and discuss the day's events. Either way, the quality time these students spent together will grow into fond memories of a simply, quieter time.

CAN ZATIONS

ATHLETICS

PEOPLE



60 ~

~ 86 ~

~ 108 ~

n any given day, you could drive through campus and see students scurrying to and fro as they rushed across the bridges to classes, grabbed a bite to eat, caught a quick afternoon nap in the dorms, voted for class officers, cheered at pep rallies, attended organizational meetings, ran errands, left for work, or visited friends.

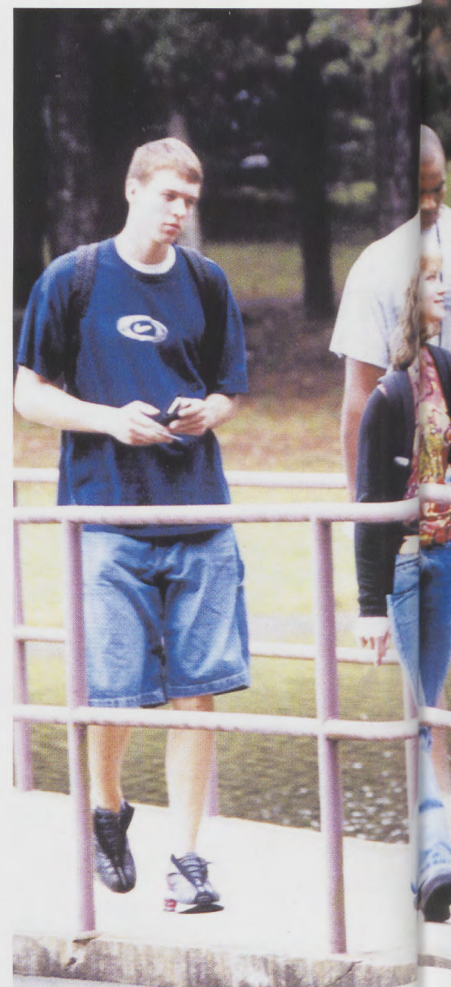
Time was a very important commodity to students, and after only a few weeks of campus life, they soon realized that they had too little of it. When they did find a little extra time, they fished or "hung out" with their friends in the grill.

As time passed, however, they adapted and learned to juggle the many demands of student life.

WATCH STUDENTS JUGGLE

Robert Robertson, Damein Gaston, Toby Coleman, Willie Depron, and Marcus Elliott engage in a friendly game of Dominoes before time for basketball practice.

Crossing Bear Lake to go to and from classes across campus gives the perfect opportunity for friends to visit or for students to make new friends.





Rachael Schexnider tries her hand at catching the big one in Bear Lake, but Robert Robertson caught a trophy earlier in the spring. Using a purple plastic worm, Robert's catch weighted approximately 5 pounds and measured 20" in length and 17" in diameter. After basking in the glory for a while, he returned the bass to Bear Lake for others to catch, maybe even Rachael.

STUDENT LIFE

The team of hair stylists, lead by Jacqueline Patt, Alida Montilva, and Linda Slocum gets the entire crowd involved. As these stylists teased the crowd, cheers of support helped the stylists tug their way to victory.

With hands open and palms raised, Kyle Dillon and Johnny Ball wait for the tossed eggs to land.



If it's April, it's time for Bear Necessities Day

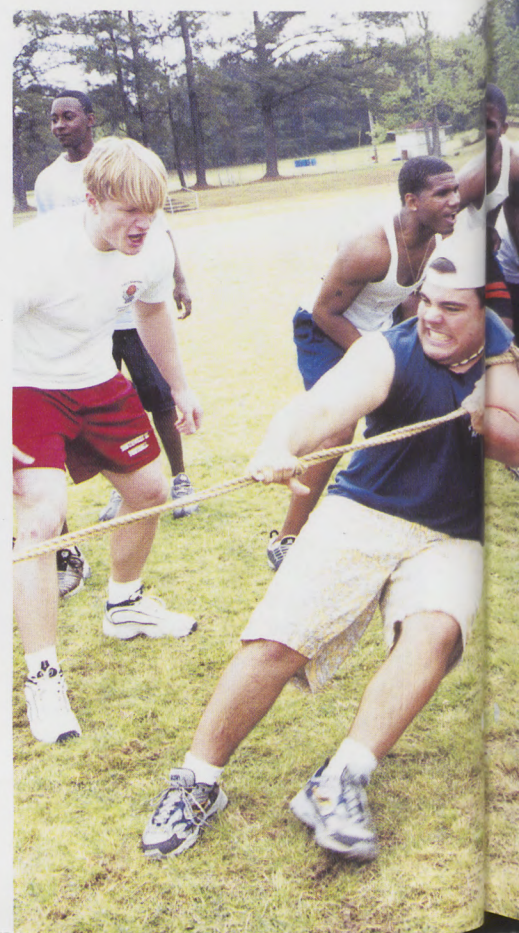
As hours passed, action heated up

As usual for Bear Necessities Day, held on April 11, 2002, overcast skies covered the skyline, but the day soon heated up on the field as students competed against each other for trophies, and more importantly, bragging rights. The sun refused to break through the clouds, but the bright, smiling faces provided enough energy, and students were glad that the overcast skies protected them from extensive sunburns.

Each spring, students toss their books and cares aside and move to John I. Hurst Stadium for a day packed with fun and excitement. Bear Necessities Day 2002 was no exception.

The events began with individual competitions, starting with the one-mile run, won by Aaron Arteago whose conditioning for baseball enabled him to endure the four laps around the football field and claim the prize. Although the tobacco spitting contest was not one for physical endurance, chewing the tobacco was an endurance contest for the novice. Some triumphed; many failed. However, the ultimate tobacco spitting winners were Jason A. Williams and Katrina Guevara. The final individual match-up came after lunch, when Racheal Elam-Schexnider and Kelvin Morris won the softball throw.

William Cody reassures Johnny Ball that "he's the man!"





In preparation for the tobacco spitting contest, Nakeya Downing takes a chew.

As important as the individual competitions were, it was the team events that got the crowd pulling for a winner...literally. Tug-of-war is an all-time favorite each year, and this new set of participants enjoyed the challenge. With knotted rope in hand, each team used muscle and strength to drag the opponent across the chalked line. This year's event proved that size was not a total factor, as cosmetology students "psyched up" and showed that strength existed in their hands for more than just styling hair.

Football players teamed up against baseball players and each other. The conditioning and weight lifting that baseball players did to prepare for a season of baseball came up short against the football boys who had trained for endurance and contact. Besides, the competition was on their playing turf, so the football guys took field advantage. Regardless of winner, all claimed victories as each team member "won" a good time.



Crisann Kennedy, Mandy Sessions, Kandi Breeland, Crystal Thomas, and Wanda Brock mix muscle and grace as they push to the finish line.

Baseball Coach Larry Holmes congratulates his guys for claiming the big prize. Group hug, group hug.



As Ryan Chastain and John Broussard soon realize, it takes more than a hop, skip, and a jump to master this race while Dr. Elaine Coney, language instructor, views the action from the stands.



Time flies when you're having fun

Contact continued, but this time between teammates and truck as contestants battled against the clock to push a truck the distance in winning time. As each team pushed, waiting teams determined positions and devised a strategy to win.

Pushing in unison changed to walking in unison as team members paired up for the three-legged race. From tying the string to their ankles to tying the string to their thighs, partners practiced and made adjustments before the whistle blew, yet without synchronized steps, they quickly discovered that it really didn't matter where they had tied the strings.

With the morning results recorded, it was time to take a break from action and indulge in a picnic style lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, dessert, and cold beverages. Teams crossed lines to laugh and relive the morning events.

With tummies stuffed and energy restored, action returned once again to the football field for the remaining events.

After a morning of vigorous contact and energy exertion, teams looked forward to tossing softballs and eggs. Although the softball toss was an individual event, the relay race and egg toss were anything but individual. The 100-yard sprints burned some of the

Trophy Takers

Men's Division



1st Place: Derrick Louque, Danny Sanders, Aaron Arteaga, Jonathan Honea, Adam Arteaga, Steve Tallo, Aron Beauchamp



2nd Place: Donald Grant, Tony Porter, kneeling; Birk McGee, Kelvin Morris, Torandon Collins, Petro Holiday, Brandon Jamison, standing

Women's Division



1st Place: Nakeya Downing, Tramecia Williams, Colleen White, Jennifer Jefferson, Colette White, Takeia Foster, Mikela Martin, Safronia Dixon



2nd Place: Crystal Travis, Shelly Simmons, Rachael Elam-Schexnider, kneeling; Ashley Lee, Tara Hays, Traci Forrest, Alicia Smith, Laura Graves, standing



Melanie Ward scoops extra onions to top off her meal. The picnic-style lunch was a favorite this year and every year.

Handing Donald Grant his team's score card, Stacey Hodges explains the procedure for keeping score.

Casee Rhodus, Melissa Barkdull, Brandi Rawls, Charlsie Turner, Kayla Baker, Sarah Hughes, and Brooke Rawls get their whole body into the spirit.



For dizzy-izzy, Kayla Brock has an attentive audience. Now, if someone would just catch her before she falls.

lunch calories, but the three-foot distance between teammates for the egg toss caused members to sweat. During the egg toss, anxiety levels increased proportionally to distances.

Challengers faced the final event of the day, the dizzy-izzy, which left participants spinning. Each team participant raced to his/her bat, spun around the designated number of times, and ran, or in many cases, wobbled back to tag the next teammate. Many did more than wobble as they fell to the ground and hoped the sky would stop spinning. They were so thankful that this was the final event of the day.

After dizzy-izzy, no events remained...just the tallying of scores and the announcing of winners. The tug-of-war, the three-legged race, relays, truck push, egg toss, softball toss, and dizzy-izzy ended, but memories of the fun, fellowship, and friendship would become greater treasures *as time goes by*.

Reflection singers lend their vocal talent to the performances. Members included (kneeling) Melissa McKinley, Anthony Howard, Amanda Aldridge, Jim Anderson, Coty Braswell, Shane Adams, Brandy Knight, (standing) Jamie Hatcher, Tony Coney, Felicia Scott, Flint Welch, and DeeDee Lott.

As a member of the rhythm section, Justin Addison, drummer, gets a back seat with a good view of the crowd.



Spring Stage Band Shows render timeless entertainment

Castles and smoke set scene

With smoke billowing overhead and a castle scene in the background, the SMCC Stage Band, directed by Clay Whittington, presented its annual spring shows on April 4-6. Action began with the Band's beginning number, "In the Mood," as Reflection members Anthony Howard and Melissa McKinley danced to the music. Then, the crowd knew that they were in for a treat. When the number ended, the audience's desire to see more did not.

The Stage Band, playing "Brass Machine," "Woodchopper's Ball," "Get It On," "Sing, Sing, Sing," and other selections gave them more. As in the past, dancers, vocalists, and Reflection, Southwest's show choir directed by Joe

Elliott, accompanied the Stage Band in several numbers.

Reflection added their vocal talents in "Aida" and "Homeland." Wanda Brock, singing "Breathe," had no difficulty breathing as she sang and no difficulty moving to the beat of "Stronger," her second number of the evening, nor did the dancers have trouble moving to "Watermelon Man" and "Stronger." As Nilah Cardwell sang "Blessed" and "Hero," the crowd felt blessed from simply hearing her God-given, musical talent and many, perhaps, aspiring vocalists looked to her as their hero.





Throughout each show sections were featured, including band members Stacy Goodson, Carrie Nunnery, Bill Griffith, Will Price, Kamie Dillon, and Jenny McMillan.

Anthony Howard gives Melissa McKinley a spin in the opening number, "In the Mood."



When you think of castles, you think of doom and gloom; however, there was nothing gloomy about the performances in this castle.

Shows end on patriotic note

After making their debut in the Christmas stage band shows, the Steel Drum Band, consisting of Dan Sykes, Rufus Gavin, Will Fortenberry, Jim Anderson, Cornelius Young, and Justin Addison, gave the shows a tropical twist with their renditions of "Cha Cha Sandwich" and "Both of Them."

Taking a step into the past, the Village People, impersonated by Jay Hays, Corey Deer, Clay Whittington, Joe Elliott, and William Dunn, charged onto stage and got the crowd cheering and clapping to YMCA. Although their appearance was a surprise to the audience, it was obvious through their choreography that campus talent expanded beyond the students.

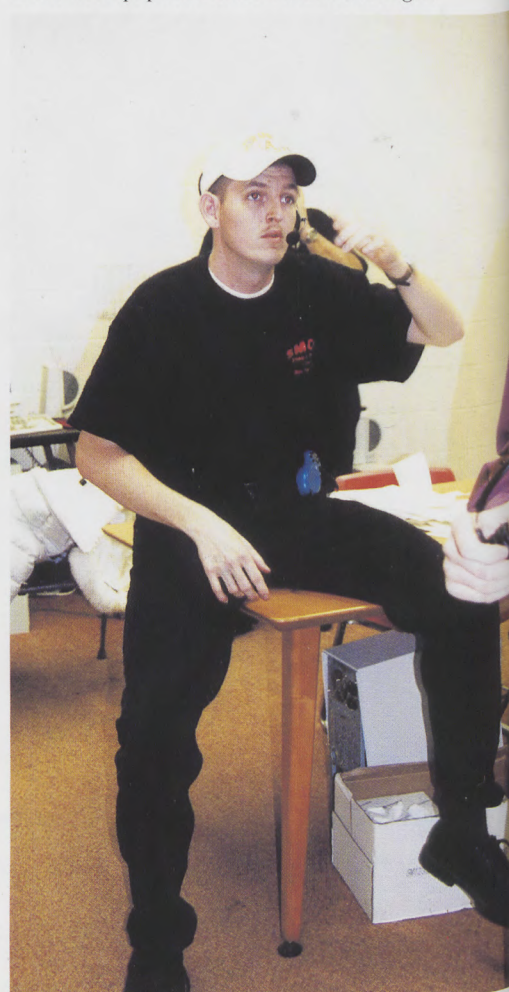
Each show's ending numbers celebrated freedom and reminded the audience of how fortunate they were to be Americans who could freely assemble to sing, dance, clap, cheer, and laugh together without fearing their safety. During the tribute, Brandy Knight sang

her rendition of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA." Vocalists Nilah Cardwell, Wanda Brock, Anthony Howard, Chip Torgerson, and Cornelius Young together with the Stage Band began the patriotic tribute with "America the Beautiful" and brought the crowd to their feet with "Let Freedom Ring" as the American flag slowly dropped behind them.

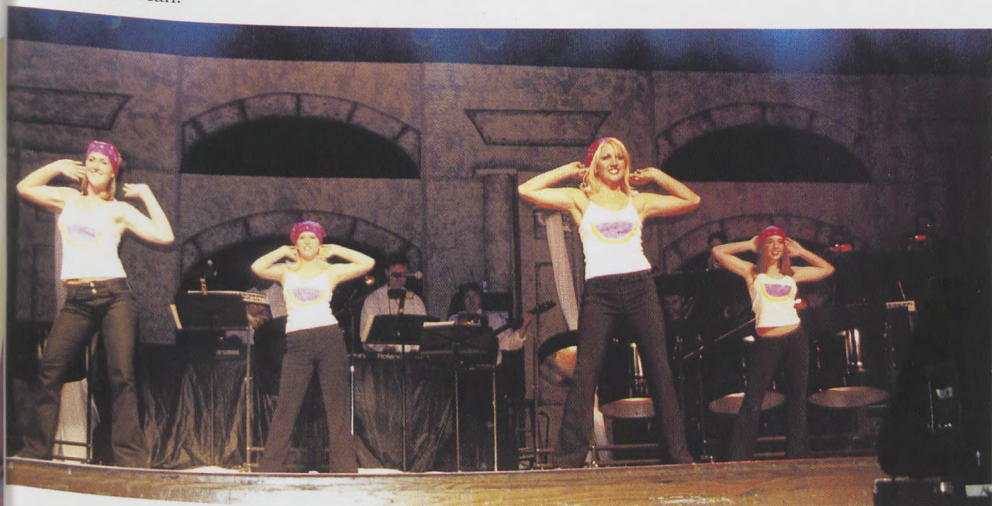
By the end of four shows, Southwest's Stage Band had once again satisfied its supporters for now, but left them anticipating the Christmas shows in December 2002. The performances created timeless memories for both students and audiences.

If the closing patriotic number, sung by Nilah Cardwell, Anthony Howard, Chip Torgerson, and Wanda Brock, is not enough to get the crowd to their feet, the lowering flag does the trick.

As stage manager for this production, Corey Deer checks all equipment before the shows begin.

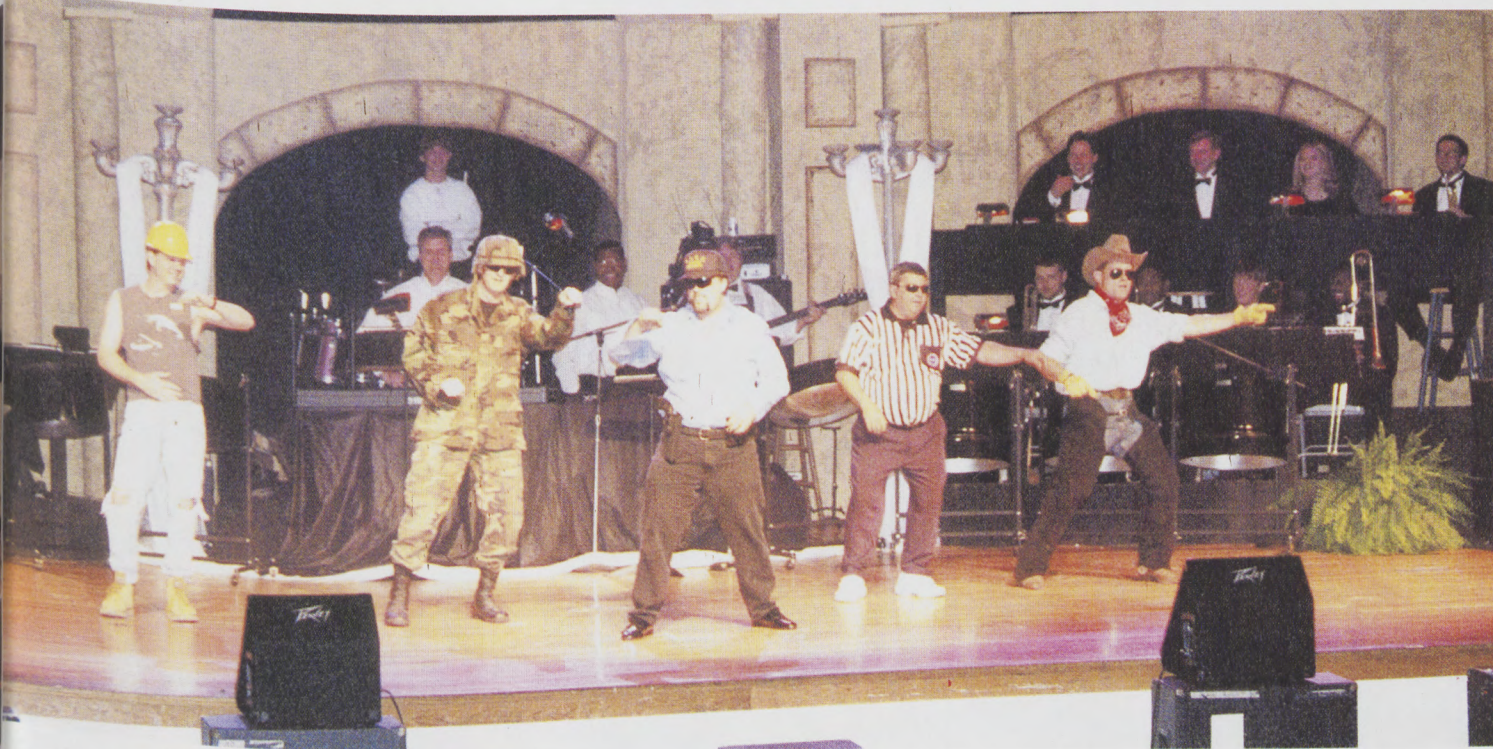


Dancers Crystal Thomas, Raven Dunaway, Wanda Brock, and Mandie Ritchie move to the beat of "Watermelon Man."



Steel Drum Band members Dan Sykes, Rufus Gavin, Jim Anderson, Conrelus Young, Justin Addison, and Tony Coney add two selections that give listeners a different sound.

While singing "Homeland," Felicia Scott keeps in step with the group Reflection.



Impersonating the Village People, Clay Whittington, Corey Deere, Joe Elliott, William Dunn, and Jay Hays steal the show.

Teams whose time had come

Bears and Lady Bears see state action

"These ladies have done over and beyond what people expected of them. To come in here and do what they did is simply awesome."

Coach Mark Swindle

At the beginning of the basketball season in Fall 2001, few would have predicted the outcome for the men and women teams, but men's coach Bill Wallace and women's coach Mark Swindle knew. Through their extensive recruiting, they knew what talent dribbled up and down their courts daily. By spring 2002, everyone else knew as well as both teams earned spots in state and regional tournaments.

On Monday night, February 18, 2002, you could correctly call the Bears South Division basketball champions because champions they were after capturing the title with an amazing 57-56 comeback win over Gulf Coast. Southwest last won a South State Tournament title under former men's coach Dennis Sims during the 1988-89 season, and now, they were on their way to state competition again.

Although the women's team didn't earn the South State crown, their superb performances on the courts and their 5 winning record earned them the right to face state competition too.

On February 25, 2002, the Bears walked onto the courts at Itawamba for the opening round of the Mississippi State Junior/Community College Tournament play against Northeast. Having a 19-3 record and rankings No. 1 in the South Division and No. 1 in the country, Southwest came with the ability to take it all. Whether the players were more nervous about playing such a high-stake game or about facing an NBA prospect, Northeast's Quinton Woods, seemed to be the question. At the time, the Bears may have had early fears the competition diminished as they overcame a trailing 28-19 halftime score to pull out a 72-59 victory.

Call 'em ...

Strong Competitors



Jennifer Jefferson



Colleen White



Traci Forrest



Colette White



Nicole Tanner



Natasha Boone



Brent Butler



Sam Johnson



Byron Robertson



Matt Barnes



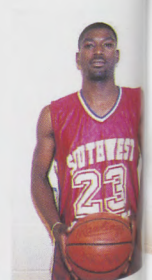
Josh Matthews



Khyri Galtmore



Josh Reed



Willie Deppa

advanced them to a semifinal match up against Holmes.

"We came out a lot more aggressive in the second half," Wallace said in a published report. "We've been a good defensive team all year. That's really what makes us go." Wesley Haynes led Southwest with 19 points, while Brent Butler scored 11. Bryon Robertson added 9 points, while Brandon Griffin scored 8. Dustin Easley, Jock Corbin, and Willie Depron all scored 6 points. Khyri Galmore added 5 points for the Bears.

After watching the Bears, the Lady Bears, seeded second from the South, had their time on the courts the following afternoon against Northwest. Winning 75-68 against Northwest in the opening round of the state women's tournament, the Lady Bears got off to a quick start against Northwest. Northwest never recovered, and Southwest moved to the next round of action. Natasha Booth got a game-high 20 points, while Tara Abdul-Hadi added 12 points and six rebounds to the stats. Traci Forrest and Collette White both scored 8 points, Tremecia Williams scored 7 points with 6 assists, and Nakeya Downing scored a personal season low of 4 points.

Holmes Community College's Greg Tucker hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer for a 66-65 upset victory against the Bears in the men's semifinals; however, the Bears still earned a spot in the Region XXIII Tournament at Mississippi

College the following week. Following the loss, Wallace commented, "This was the toughest loss of my career."

In the women's action, the Lady Bears defeated East Central 63-52 in the semifinals to face Co-Lin in the championship game. Unfortunately, the momentum for the Lady Bears ended with a 70-65 defeat to rival Co-Lin. It was the third match-up for the two teams, and the Lady Wolves had gnawed away two of the wins...this one being the most important. Although disappointed, the Lady Bears advanced with the men's team to the Region XXIII Tournament.

With Regionals closer to home, Clinton, Mississippi, the Bears failed to regain the formula that had carried them throughout the season, falling 91-82 to Bossier Parish in their Regional opener. Coupled with a defeat to Holmes in the State Tournament, the Bears' first two-game losing streak brought the season to a 20-5 end.

The Lady Bears, however, continued to advance after a decisive 68-54 victory over Northeast, followed by 80-68 romp over Meridian in Regionals. Only one team, Co-Lin, and one victory stood between the Lady Bears and the National Junior/Community College Women's Basketball Tournament. At now the fourth showdown of the season for these two teams, unfortunately, the result was the same as the previous three...Co-Lin came away victorious. Although the Lady Wolves prevailed, it was a bitter

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Coach Bill Wallace

fight until the end with only four points, 70-66, separating the teams. Co-Lin would go to Kansas; Southwest would come home.

Even though neither Bear team saw national action, they gained national attention. Lady Bears' coach expressed it best with his comments during the Regionals, "These ladies have done over and beyond what people expected of them. To come in here and do what they did is simply awesome." The same could be said for the Bears.

With the women's team finishing 21-7 and a national ranking of 25 and the men's team finishing 20-5 and a national ranking of 19, basketball action in Spring 2002 was one for the record books and one in which both teams saw state action.



Sabrina Ard

Tramiecia Williams

Tara Abdul-Hadi

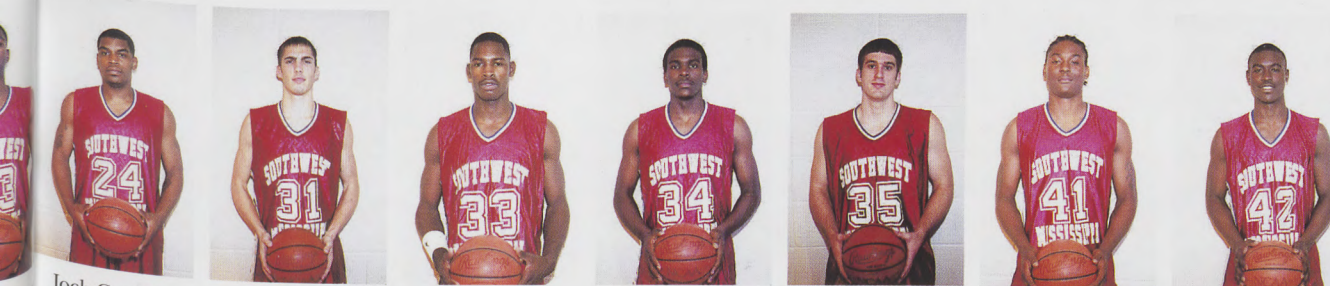
Safronia Dixon

Alicia Smith

Mikela Martin

Tekeja Foster

Nakeya Downing



Jock Corbin

Dustin Easley

Wesley Haynes

Godfrey Drake

Nic Wilson

Brandon Griffin

Robert Robertson

Call 'em ...

**South
Division
Champs**



With Dr. Steve Bishop keeping score, Student Government Association officers Bethany White and Bryce Crawford watch as a contestant at Bear Jamboree sails one through the hoop.

Dr. Elaine Coney and Natalie McMahon wait for advisees as Maxine Bierbaum and Dawn Brumfield make corrections to Tara Abdul-Hadi's class schedule.



Cheryl McKinley and Gloria Van Norman assist students with decals and Student Handbooks. During Fall Registration, everyone gets in the act to help.

During Bear Jamboree, Dencen Clay protects the ball as he moves it downfield.



The beginning passes quickly

Short lines at Fall Registration deceive onlookers

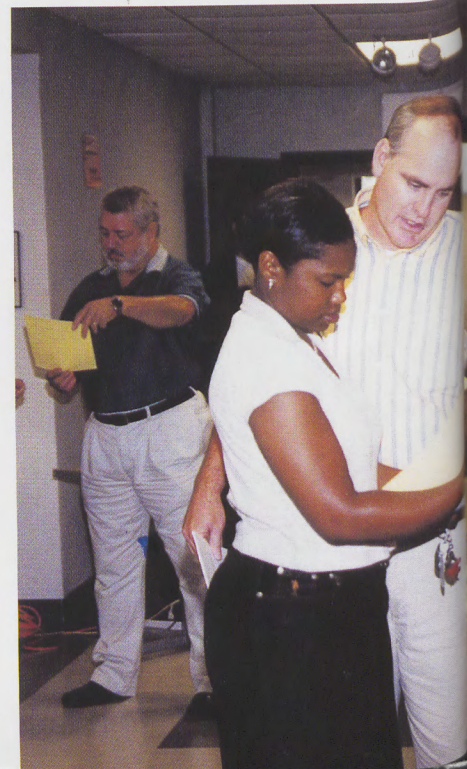
Fall term for academic year 2002-2003 began August 11, 2002, as students moved into the dorms, followed by Freshman Orientation on Monday and registration on Tuesday and Wednesday. Many incoming freshmen had attended orientations during scheduled summer sessions and had completed, along with many returning sophomores, class schedules and procedures for mail-in registration, so they enjoyed a longer spring break by only a few days.

Although short lines during the regular session of Fall Registration appeared to indicate a smaller

enrollment, a total enrollment of approximately 1,850 deceived onlookers.

Of this total enrollment, 150 students took advantage of the newest classroom...home. As each semester had passed, more and more students had become a part of the virtual classroom through on-line classes, an option not available several years ago. With this growing population of takers, students could squeeze classes into their busy schedule and could earn an education at a pace suited to their daily demands. The interest in on-line courses marked a sign of the times, but most students still chose the traditional classroom setting.

Standing in the background, Danny Esch answers questions while Coach Mark Swindle helps Sabrina Ard.





The beginning weeks were not all business and books. The rescheduled Bear Jamboree, postponed from the first week of school due to torrential rain, brought Bear fans and Bear players to John I. Hurst Stadium for a night of fun.

The late afternoon scrimmage allowed coaches and players to devise or refine plays while fans got their first look at the mighty Bears of southwest Mississippi. For some, this was their opportunity to see a college team in action; for others, Bear Jamboree was their opportunity to root for their favorite Bear.

Without the cheerleaders and band in attendance, fans had to wait until the regular season of action or the first pep rally to get the total effects of Bear football.

After only two weeks into the semester, students realized that the short lines at registration might have given a false impression of enrollment figures, but there was nothing short or deceiving about the spirit of Southwest Bears.



Defensive Coordinator Doug Lucas makes his point to the huddled guys, while Defensive Back Coach Kenny Miller, with football in hand, goes through drills with the defensive backs.

A north wall on the upper level holds portraits of Southwest presidents.

The new boardroom awaits monthly Board meeting.



Horace C. Holmes Student Union

Vision becomes reality

Student Union opens and receives name

After years of planning and building, vision became reality with the opening of the new student union across from the Vo-Tech building.

On September 6, 2002, this \$5.8 million, 40,000 square-foot, two-story, comprehensive Student Union Building envisioned ten years ago, hosted the third annual Southwest Mississippi Economic Symposium. By the beginning of October, students were eating their meals in the new dining facility, and the cafeteria was fully operational by October 18, when Southwest hosted a reception honoring President Holmes.

By the end of October, its small auditorium had hosted organizational initiations and community meetings. The Hall of Fame and Board rooms had received ordered furnishings. Books, Southwest "goods," and school supplies had moved into the new bookstore.

What were once empty rooms and open spaces now breathed with life.

During the planning and construction phases, the newest building on campus had been called several names, from the multi-complex building to the student union to the student union/cafeteria building.

Board president Hollis Alford ended the confusion during the celebration for President Holmes on October 18. He announced that the Board had named the new facility the Horace C. Holmes Student Union in honor of President Holmes' half-century service to Southwest.

As students go in and out its doors, the years of dreaming, planning, and building seem few. This hub of activity will surely be enjoyed for decades to come by thousands of students and others.



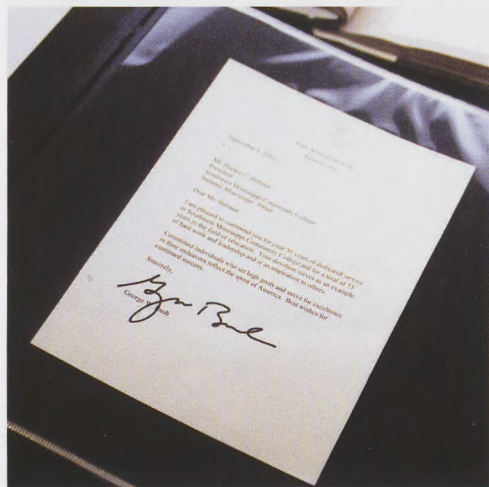
In addition to elevators, a spiral staircase allows occupants to move from one level to another.

Alumni of the Year and Sports Hall of Fame portraits hang in a room fitting for their distinction.



The new bookstore has everything a typical college student needs or wants.

U. S. President George W. Bush pens a letter to President Holmes stating, "I am pleased to commend you for your 50 years of dedicated service to Southwest Mississippi Community College and for a total of 55 years in the field of education. Your devotion serves as an example of hard work and leadership and is an inspiration to others. Committed individuals who set high goals and strive for excellence in their endeavors reflect the spirit of America. Best wishes for continued success."



Mrs. LeFay Holmes joins President Holmes on stage. For over fifty years, Mrs. Holmes has been by President Holmes' side as a faithful and loyal supporter of him and Southwest.



Southwest pays tribute to President Horace C. Holmes

Holmes described as loyal to God, Southwest, and family

On October 18, 2002, Southwest paid tribute to its long-standing president, Horace C. Holmes, beginning with a program in the Fine Arts Building and concluding with a reception in the new Horace C. Holmes Student Union, named in his honor. The celebration was in conjunction with Homecoming '02.

Faculty and staff had worked months and weeks prior to this event to ensure that the celebration was a fitting tribute to the man who had done so much for Southwest during his fifty years of service. Judging from the crowd and the comments, the tribute was indeed a success.

"I'm at a loss to thank you. There are not enough words to thank you," stated President Holmes at the end of a program that featured comments and presentations from distinguished guests representing governmental, education-

al, and community agencies as well as special friends.

Several speakers, including U.S. Rep. Ronnie Shows, shared memories and told jokes in what at times became a friendly roast of the longest-serving community college president in the state. School board vice-president Jerry Conerly presented Holmes with a letter from President George W. Bush that commended Holmes' devotion and leadership.

Former Southwest basketball player Dutch Nichols remembered Holmes as "the coach of coaches" and related how on road trips, then Coach Holmes would read his Bible and say his prayers before going to bed.

Along with plagues, resolutions, and awards, Holmes received a book of letters, a scrapbook of Southwest memorabilia, and a money clip holding two \$50 bills, all preludes to bigger surprises — a 2002 white Cadillac

Seville and announcements that a scholarship fund bearing his name had received \$15,500 in donations and that the new student union would be named in his honor.

Throughout the evening, comments resounded. Presenter about presenter proclaimed how Holmes exemplified his Christian beliefs before men, how he unashamedly loved the institution, and how he loved and supported his family.

Although President Holmes was appreciative of the Cadillac and undoubtedly enjoyed driving it, those who knew him best agreed that the book of letters, the scrapbook of memorabilia, and the evening itself will be his greatest treasures. Why? Because these treasures represent what he loves best — people.

When the crowd clears, granddaughter Mia Holmes has an opportunity to congratulate her grandfather for the years he has dedicated to education.

President Holmes embraces longtime friend "Buster" Davis who has traveled to Southwest for this special occasion.



"If I had to describe Horace Holmes in one word — awesome.

He's a person who doesn't believe in doing anything halfway."

Beachman Williams
Board Member, Amite County



Board member Mildred McGhee from Wilkinson County offers her words of appreciation.



It takes more than one Gulf Coast Bulldog to pull a Bear like Pedro Holiday down.

After their introduction at the Alumni Banquet, Homecoming Court members Trystle Bridges, Karinlee Brister, Dawn Ashley, Brandi Burris, Laurie Allen (Queen), LaTosha Washington, Cori Wilkinson, and Raven Dunaway make their exit to prepare for the upcoming coronation ceremonies.



Homecoming '02 walked "Down the Lane of Golden Memories"

Homecoming activities were anything but routine

The *American Heritage College Dictionary* defines *homecoming* as "an annual event at schools, colleges, and universities for visiting graduates." Yet, those who returned for Homecoming '02 saw it as anything but merely an annual event.

True, the annual "dress-up" days, including Mix and Match Day on Monday, Hillbilly Day on Tuesday, Spirit Day on Wednesday, Favorite Sports Teams Day on Thursday, and Homecoming T-shirt Day on Friday, occurred, but it was the current students and faculty, some of whom were Southwest graduates, who participated in these events.

And, there was the annual homecoming dance that required weeks of planning, ordering supplies, and last-minute decorating. There were the annual homecoming displays going up across campus, the annual homecoming

assembly to introduce the homecoming court, and the annual homecoming pep rally to encourage the guys to nab a win on homecoming day.

All of this might have seemed routine and mundane to the ones on campus, but when the true "home comers" arrived, they viewed the campus as anything but mundane. Much had changed since they left Southwest years ago. Among the first noticeable changes were the buildings, including the new Horace C. Holmes Student Union, named to recognize his half-century of service to Southwest during a ceremony in his honor on Friday night.

And none of the participants in Saturday's activities viewed homecoming as mundane. A 5K walk/run began at 8:00 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:00. Awards went to the overall best male and female and to the top times in eight age groups, so none were

excluded.

A one-mile fun run began at 9:00. Participants received ribbons for their efforts, and trophies went to the top male and female and top times in five age groups. Winners abounded.

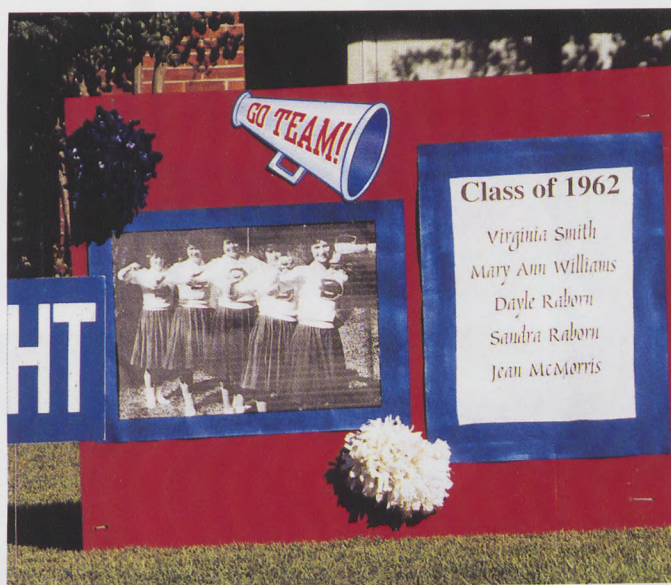
Later in the day, visitors had opportunities to tour dorms and buildings, attend a class reunion for classes '58-'61, listen to an afternoon stage band performance, reunite with other alumni at a reception, enjoy a home cooked meal at the alumni banquet, watch the coronation of the Queen and her Court, and cheer for the Bears in action.

All in all, the activities that may have once seemed routine were anything but routine to the 5K winners, to the returning alumni, or to the Queen and her Maids.

Biology instructor Amelia Yawn and Ally Ashmore get into the Homecoming spirit with their hillbilly attire.



For Queen Laurie Allen, the highlight of the evening, regardless of weather conditions, is receiving the crown from Brandi Rawls as Laurie's dad and President Holmes observe.



Although the rain dampened Homecoming events, Trystle Bridges and her escort watch the field action from the protective cover of her umbrella, and everything was all smiles.

Displays like this one created by this year's cheerleaders welcome homecoming guests, particularly the cheerleaders from the Class of 1962.

FRESHMAN MAIDS



DAWN ASHLEY



TRYSTLE BRIDGES



KARINLEE BRISTER

SOPHOMORE MAIDS



LATOSHA WASHINGTON



RAVEN DUNAWAY



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HOMECOMING QUEEN LAURIE ALLEN



CROWN BEARER ~ LOGAN JOHNSON
FLOWER GIRL ~ PAIGE EASLEY

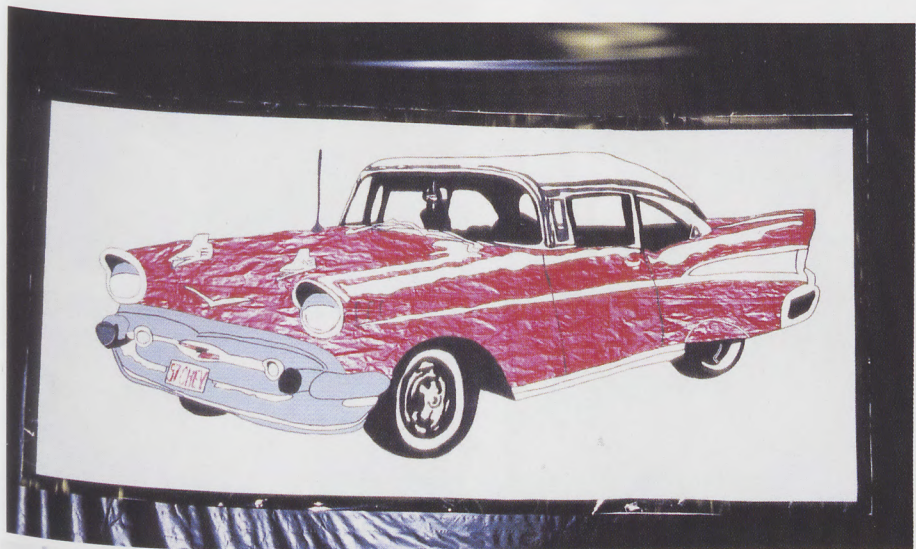
STUDENT BODY MAID
CORI WILKINSON

Bears football coach Dom Green gets assistance from son Jackson at the 5k run.

Stopping for a much-needed break, Kate Edmonds and Jesica Jackson take a seat on the floor while Cori Wilkinson and Seth Guidry choose the bridge. Too tired to sit, Raven Dunaway, Brandi Burris, and Bethany White lean, but Karinlee Brister and Kim Conerly prefer standing. SGA officers enlisted the help of others in decorating for the Homecoming Dance.

In addition to the half-time show, the Marching Band plays during the coronation ceremony before the game begins.





Used as a backdrop at the Homecoming dance, this '57 Chevy helps to set the mood for a journey down the lane of golden memories. To current students, this was a merely a symbol, but to yesterday's students, this Chevy was a classy "ride."

Homecoming Day starts early, but these spirited runners and walkers are ready for action.



Can you go home again?

The number of activities dwindled as the week passed, but the grand finale was the introduction of the Homecoming Queen and her Maids prior to the football game against Gulf Coast. Rains threatened to cancel the Queen's crowning, but the skies held long enough for the Queen to be crowned by Brandi Rawls, last year's queen, and for the Maids to receive proper recognition.

When the drizzle resumed, the ladies retired from their viewing stand, but the boys on the field didn't let the rain deter their efforts to capture a homecoming win. Unfortunately, a heartbreaking 28-21 loss in the fleeting seconds of play sealed the Bears' fate. A 70-yard interception return with 16.9 seconds left in the game proved to be the

winning score for the Gulf Coast Bulldogs.

"They made one play and that was the difference in the ball game. But we fought to the end and that's something we haven't done in past weeks," commented head coach Dom Green following the loss.

The narrow loss on the field was the culmination of a week of festivities, but no one viewed any part of the week as a loss. Organization members gained new memories and friendships as they decorated for the homecoming dance or erected homecoming displays. The 5K participants carried trophies and ribbons home to mount in prominent places. The Homecoming Court received notoriety, if only for a few minutes. And returning alumni renewed old friendships and rekindled that flame for Southwest.

All left campus as winners, some maybe more than others. Many had traveled hundreds of miles while some had ventured only minutes away from home to return to the fertile soils of Southwest that nurtured and grew friendships and lasting relationships so many years ago.

After a week of homecoming, can you really come back home? Can you really return to Southwest, the place you knew so well, and feel at home? Some say "No" because the home or any place you call home constantly changes just as Southwest had changed and will continue to change.

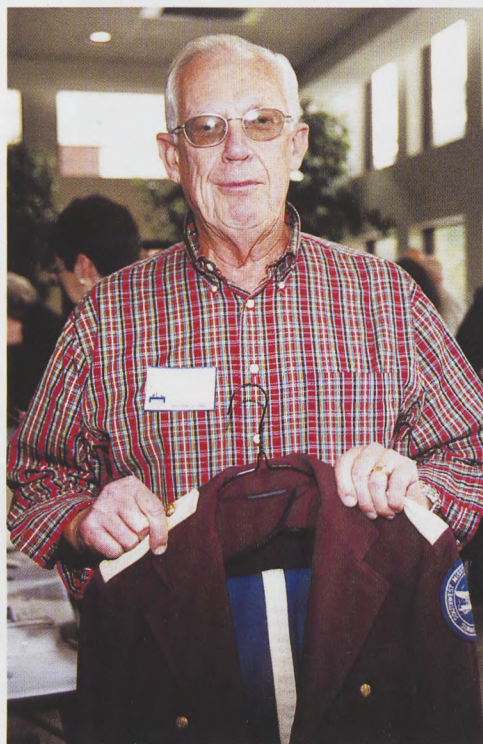
But, Southwest alumni know that they never have to "come" home because a piece of home, a part of this Southwest spirit goes with them wherever they live. Homecoming '02 proved it!

The Homecoming Stage Band Show ends with a medley of patriotic selections, sung by Reflection. The massive American flag reminded everyone of the freedoms we enjoy.

Rev. Anthony Yarborough visits with other alumni during the afternoon reception. While at Southwest, Yarborough played basketball when President Holmes was men's coach.



Dr. Joe Johnston sports a Pilots uniform he has kept for years. Before becoming Bears, Southwest students were known as Pilots.



Alumni return to familiar soil

Alumni reminisce about "old" Southwest and enjoy "new" one

While the campus buzzed with plans for President Holmes Day and homecoming activities, plans were also being made for a reunion of about 100 alumni from classes '58-'61 who were making their back home to celebrate President Holmes Day and to see old friends.

"For most of us, this will be the first time we've seen each other since we left Southwest," replied Hattie Nunnery, a reunion organizer.

Reunion activities began on Friday. Those wishing to continue celebrating at the conclusion of President Holmes' reception traveled to the Ice House courtyard.

On Saturday, activities continued with refreshments and introductions,

followed by a memorial for deceased class members and a luncheon.

A reception for all alumni was held Saturday afternoon, followed by an alumni business meeting and banquet, where Alumnus of the Year Hollis Alford joined Sports Hall of Famers Nellie Prestridge and Virginia McGuffee as the newest inductees.

A Pike County native, Hollis Alford attended Southwest in 1947-48 before transferring to Mississippi State University, where he earned a B.S. in education in 1950.

After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, he returned to his native Pike County, where he has run a dairy farm for 48 years. Alford also boasts 48 years of marriage to Katie

Ruth Smith. Together they have five children, all of whom attended Southwest — Ramona Alford Young, Rebecca Alford Brumfield, Howard Alford, Lisa Alford Ardillo, and Andrew Alford — and eleven grandchildren.

Alford is an active member of Progress Baptist Church, a Mason, and a Gideon. His professional affiliations are numerous, including his position as president of Southwest's Board of Trustees.

Sports Hall of Fame inductee Nellie Prestridge is a 1941 graduate of SMJC, where she played basketball and tennis. A native of Amite County, Prestridge was president of Delta Gamma Delta sorority, sophomore class president,



While waiting for the alumni banquet, Barbara Schilling and Errol Law make the first purchases in the bookstore. Schilling wanted something tangible to add to her fond memories.

basketball, winning numerous titles for her accomplishments. While at Southwest, she also participated in tennis and archery.

After graduation, McGuffee played professional basketball as a center for the Hazel Walker's Arkansas Travelers at sites in the United States and Mexico. Opponents were often men's basketball teams hosted on military installations.

From 1965-1997, she managed the service department and was adviser to the parts and sales departments of Hugg & Haul Equipment. After retiring, she is "living the good life in the beautiful mountains of Colorado."

As alumni returned to their beloved Southwest, some for the very first time since leaving, the campus changes were evident. The "new" Southwest looked very foreign from the "old" Southwest, and former classmates had changed in appearances as well. A slight squint of the eye or twist of the head might have been required to recognize those once familiar faces, but conversations about the "good old days" cleared visions.

Even though the campus had experienced extensive physical transformations since returning alumni had walked across its surface in quest of an education, their feet touched warm, familiar soil where the memories grew deep.

secretary of the Glee Club, treasurer of the Dramatic Club, and a member of the Amite Club, Who's Who, Commercial Club, and Ditto Club while she attended Southwest.

After graduation, Prestridge began a business career at South Central Bell Telephone Company in Baton Rouge. Beginning as an operator in the traffic department, she worked her way up in management to become one of the first

female managers in Louisiana.

Retiring after 36 years, Prestridge remains a Life Member of the Telephone Pioneers Club and divides her time between her residences in Baton Rouge and on Smithdale Road in Summit.

Virginia McGuffee was the second inductee into the Sports Hall of Fame. McGuffee, a 1956 Southwest graduate and a Monticello native, played



Sports Hall of Fame
Virginia McGuffee



Sports Hall of Fame
Nellie Prestridge



Alumnus of the Year
Hollis Alford

At Discover Southwest Night, math instructor Matthew Calhoun encourages area seniors to consider Southwest for their next step after high school graduation.

Butch Stringer takes time away from maintenance to assist in lowering the new bell into the tower. The tower received a new roof and new bell, so the project was a team effort from several departments and individuals.

Tropical Storm Isidore dumped inches of water into the lake, causing its sides to overflow.



Campus bustles with activities

From blood to floods, we saw it all

Each semester, activities occur across campus that attract attention and encourage participation. One event during Fall 2002 was even a class stopper.

During the year the SGA sponsored blood drives so that donors could give the gift of life to others. In scarce supply, blood of all types was needed, and students, faculty, and staff did their part to meet the demand.

See You at the Pole, sponsored by Campus Ministries, was held before 8:00 classes on September 18, 2002, as a time for worldwide prayer and fellowship. Donuts and juice were served afterwards, so student could get to class with a renewed spirit and a filled tummy.

Storms were the norm for the end of September and the first of October. Tropical Storm Isidore dumped 9.87 inches of rain in a 24-hour period in

the Pike County area, flooding county roads, city streets, and businesses.

The vo-tech building on campus suffered as well at the hands of Isidore. About 3-4 inches of water accumulated on both floors in about 80 percent of the building, submerging power outlets and wiring attached to computers and other electronic equipment. Classes were canceled across campus for that Thursday, September 26, but resumed on Friday for all buildings except the vo-tech division.

With Tropical Storm Isidore fresh in the minds of area residents, Hurricane Lili, which followed one week later, caused everyone to brace for a second punch. Fortunately, the hurricane packed a smaller punch than Isidore and caused little problems and no class interruptions.

By the middle of October, the campus was getting ready for

homecoming. A new roof and bell were placed on and in the tower adjacent to Kenna Hall. Built by the bricklaying class of 1950-51, the tower is a memorial to those Southwest students who have served in the Armed Forces.

Discover Southwest Night was held on October 31, and the Career Fair on November 20. Area students used both activities to get a better view of Southwest and the job opportunities at senior colleges that await them after graduating from Southwest.

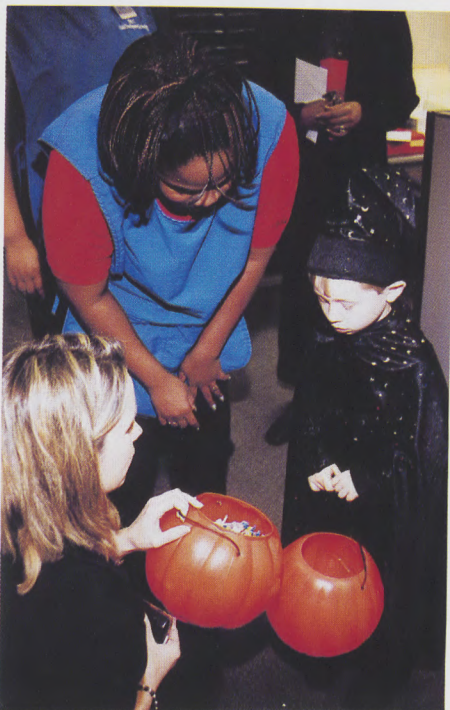
Some schools don't wait until Discover Southwest Night to tour the campus. They come throughout the year, and a counselor gives them a guided tour.

Therefore, each semester is a busy one. In addition to regular events, such as homecoming, the campus bustles with "mini" activities that draw attention and participants.



Danny Esch talks to students from Salem about his Diesel Equipment Technology program.

Students from area high schools and Southwest move from booth to booth at the Career Fair. Students found plenty to see.



Each October the Child Care Technology children and student workers travel across campus in search of treats. While Leigh Ann Dwyer and student Sakeitha Varnado patiently wait, Jamie Taylor weighs his options before making his selection.

First-time blood donor Barbara Cotton takes a deep breath, closes her eyes, and prepares for the needle stick. With that behind her and her blood freely flowing, she was a real trooper.



oon after enrollment, students began the process of obtaining what they came to Southwest for...an education.

From studies of their ancestors in American history or western civilization to studies of themselves in biology and psychology, beginning freshmen tasted college classes for the first time. Seasoned sophomores had no difficulty getting back into the groove of study, time management, and discipline as they sought to complete their final semesters at Southwest before moving on to senior college or into the workforce.

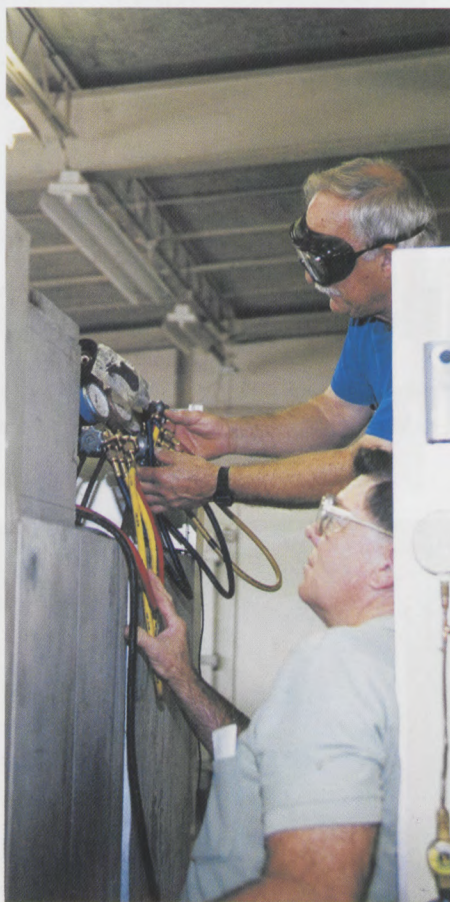
Whether students who explored their world and themselves through classroom activities and lectures and laboratory experiences.

WATCH STUDENTS EXPLORE

Regardless of subject matter, lectures are a vital part of college learning.

Whether it's to learn a trade to earn a living or to acquire personal knowledge for do-it-yourself projects at home, Southwest students like Mary Helen Wilson, Jack Picklesimer, and Lewis Roberts return to the classroom and find what they are looking for.





The new classroom is anywhere. On-line student Denise Williams enlists the help of Karen Cothorn in securing the American History test from Meridian Community College. Rather than taking an on-line class, Joy Tullos opts to enroll in night classes and enjoys the outside when it's time to study. Jobs and families are forcing more and more students to consider on-line or night classes.

ACADEMICS

fine arts

Time and counting meet in movement



You can produce art with more than paint and brushes as Burt Fleming, father of student Mindy Fleming, demonstrates. Observers were amazed to see the intricate designs a bulky power saw could produce.





Shari Crosby finds the perfect spot on campus to capture its beauty on paper.

Students like Ericka Redmond often have difficulty being disciplined enough to practice, but instructor Connie Lambuth assures them that practice makes perfect.



Each week, choir members spend time learning new music and rehearsing for upcoming performances. The choir sang "God Bless America" and the SMCC Alma Mater during the program honoring President Holmes.

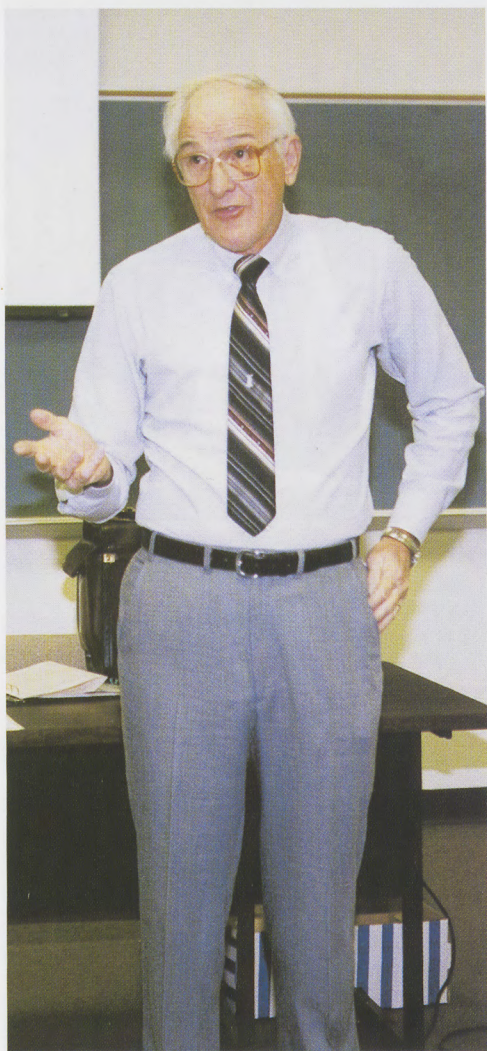
Dwayne Weatherspoon and Stephen Lott try their hands at the newest additions to the music department - the steel drums.

Where do time and counting meet? In fine arts courses. Students who didn't know this answer at the beginning of the semester soon discovered it after only one or two classes in the arts.

From private piano and voice lessons, from Marching Band and Reflection tryouts, and from performances in front of a crowded auditorium at Stage Band shows or at the stadium during a half-time performance, students learned that counting and timing meant everything for a successful outcome.

Those who studied Art Appreciation learned that art reflects each period in time. From the early Etruscans to today's modern artists, art, together with music and literature, records man's transition and evolution through time.

Some even tried their hands at creating the arts through guitar, music, and voice lessons or classes in drawing. Regardless of personal choice, creative juices flowed as students counted time with the music, and drawing pencils moved to the voices within.



Part-time speech instructor Michael Knippers gives students the basics of introductory speeches and encourages them that they can master introductions.

The time they spent studying pays off as Kim McCloud, Chase Sartin, Candiacie McKenzie, and Luke McDaniel breeze effortlessly through their geography test.



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Throughout time, voices want to be heard

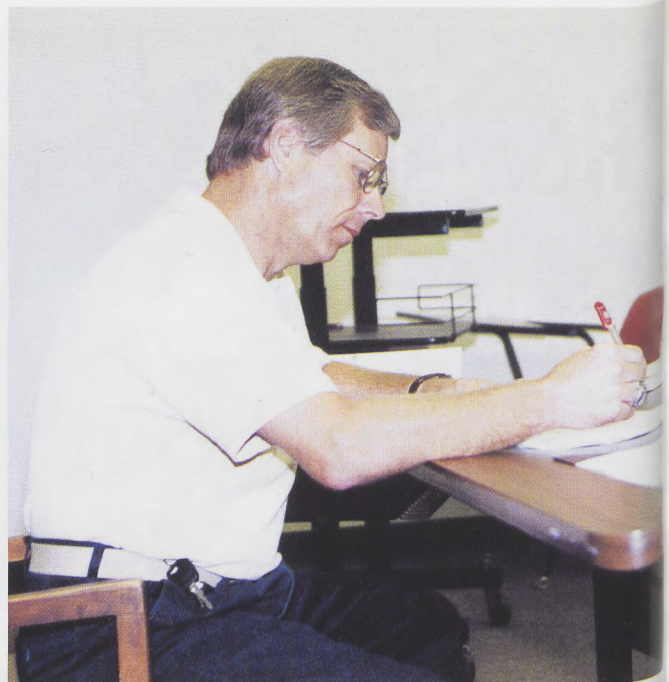


Speech student Darlene Freeman tries to persuade her classmates to become organ donors. As her visual aid, Darlene used an organ donor and recipient quilt.

Dr. Elaine Coney makes brief announcements to her classes before beginning lecture. By teaching both Spanish and English, the same announcements took on different sounds when heard in different tongues.

Dan Lewman, instructor of geography and physical science, prepares the answer key before grading geography tests.

Social Sciences Division Chair Sam McKinney assists social science majors in completing their class schedules. In addition to his duties as chair, he teaches sociology and political science classes.



Coach Larry Holmes details the roles of men and women in early American colonies.

As Old Testament instructor Bro. Charles Brister reveals the correct test answers, Tony Coney requests further explanations.

And people listen

Through studies in the Old and New Testament, students learned how God spoke to the prophets of old and how Jesus still speaks to us today. In-depth studies in other courses revealed that voices cry out more subtly in economics as consumers voice their preferences through spending, and in government, the histories, psychology, community health, and sociology as citizens voice their feelings and beliefs through voting, aggressive actions, or personal

destruction.

Voice is even found in literature. Freshmen in Comp I struggled with active and passive voice. Future teachers taking Traditional Grammar struggled equally. Their first struggle was learning the difference between the voices. Their second struggle was an even greater challenge...learning how to teach students to avoid the perils of passive voice.

In written essays, students voiced their opinions; from writings in British

Literature and Comp II, students listened intently for the writer's voice.

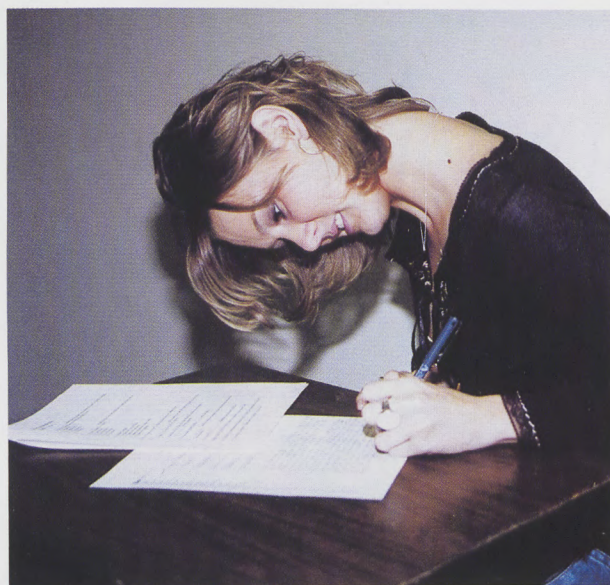
Speech students often searched for a voice as fear trapped their sound. In time, however, fear released its grip, and their voices were heard.

Regardless of means, whether written, oral, or physical, voices throughout time, voices throughout the ages in the humanities and social sciences wanted to be heard and people listened.



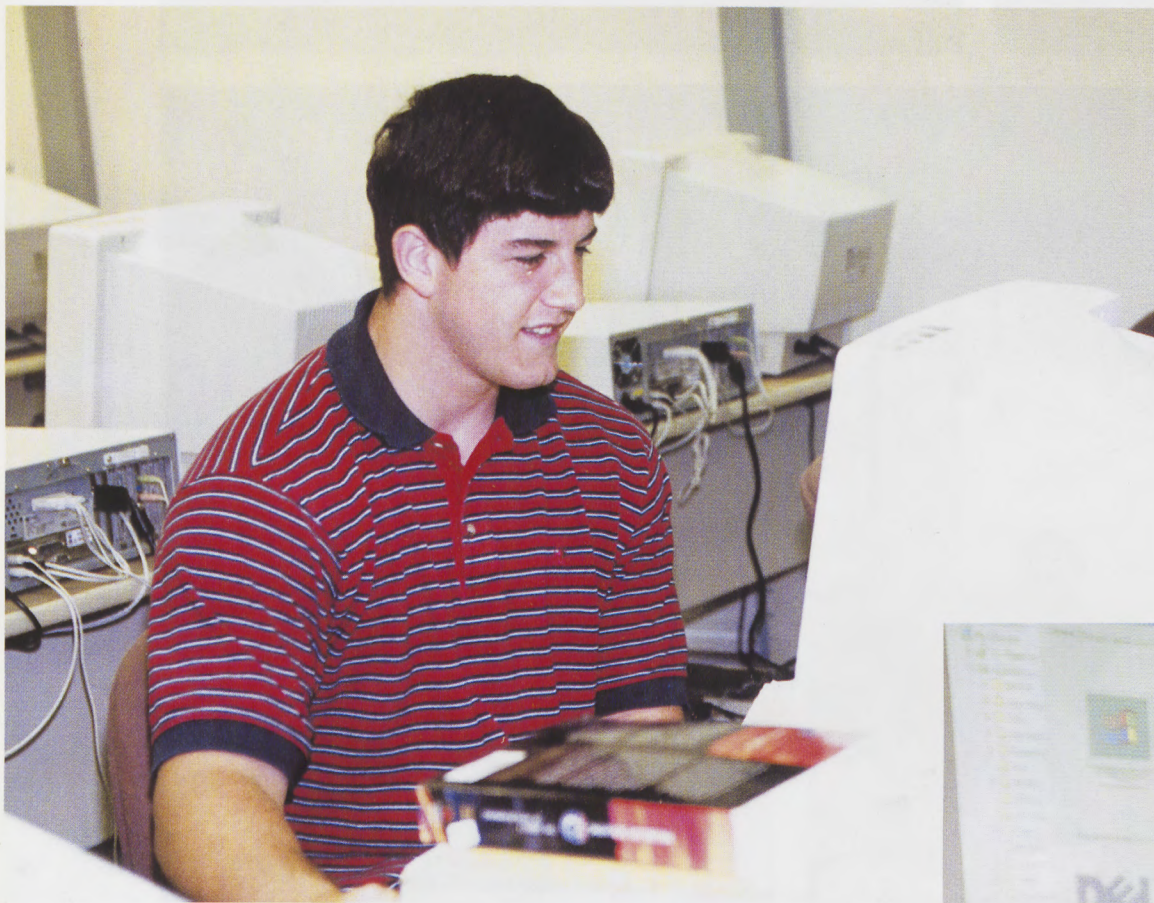
Kayla Baker quickly takes her speech make-up test before rejoining Dr. Steve Bishop's class.

Instructor and Academic Counselor Betty Johnson not only teaches psychology but also practices psychology when she counsels students.



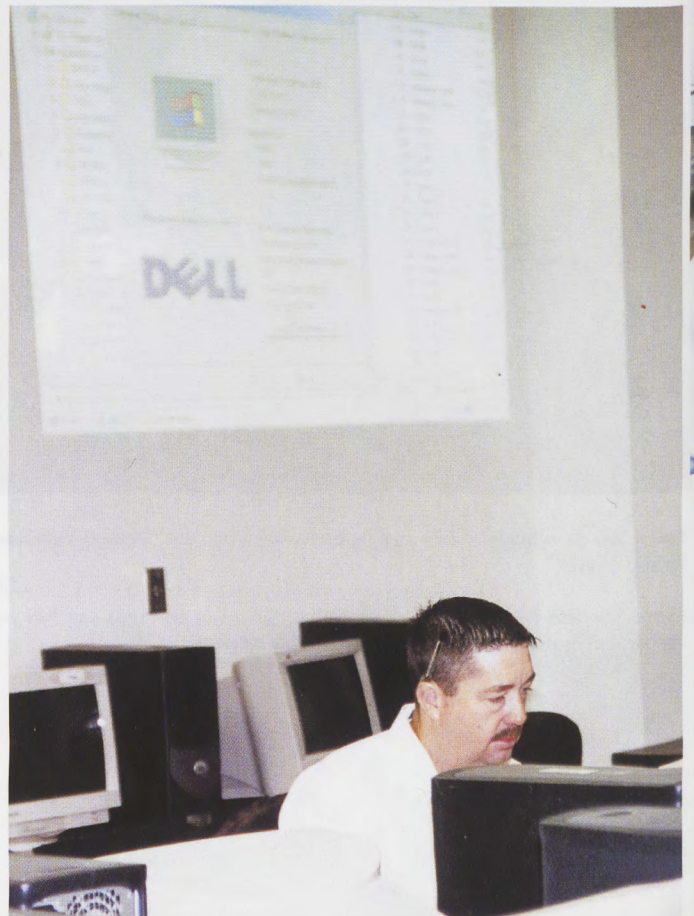
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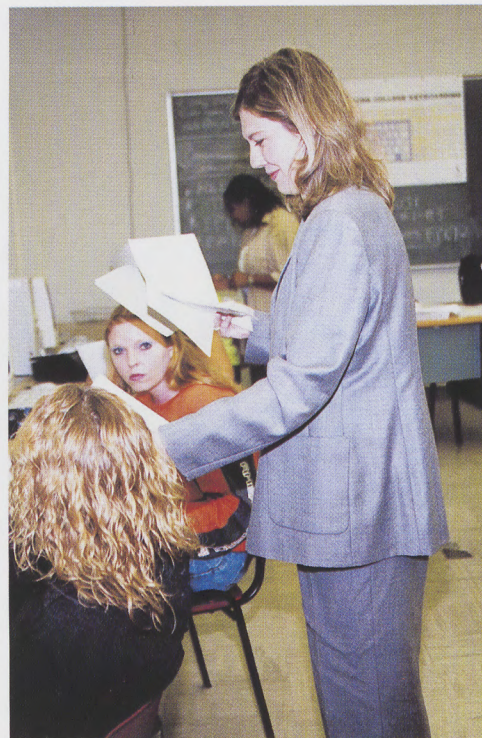
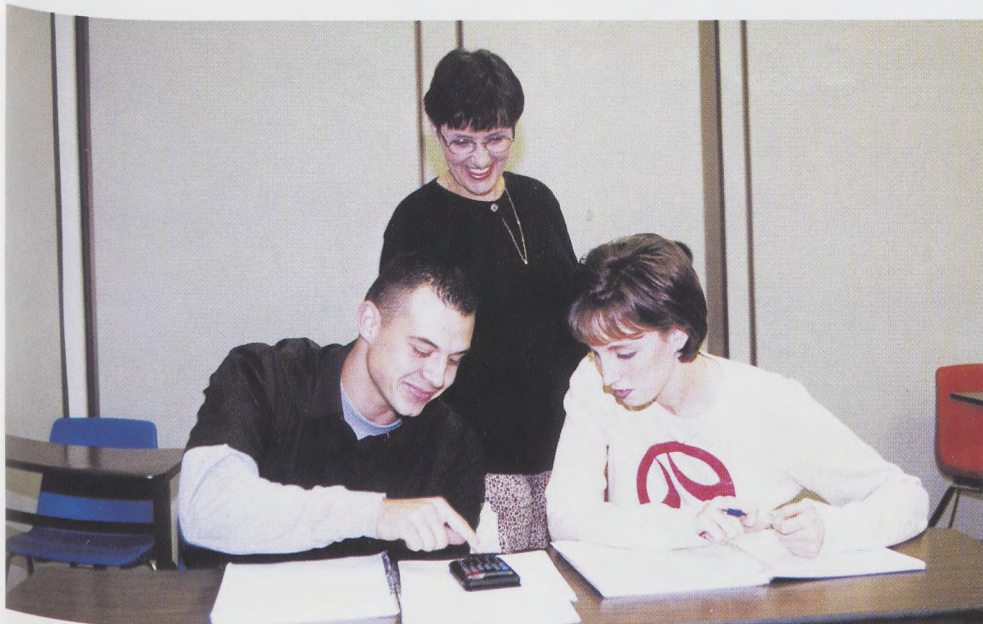
Business and computers go hand in hand



Whether on the field or off the field, Brad Delaughter does what is necessary to get the job done.

By examining the computer's properties, nursing student Brian Arledge discovers the general system properties of his computer. The projected image on the wall allowed him and others in the class to compare his computer system with another.





Accounting Instructor Cecelia Brister watches as Tulio Chirinos and Brandy Knight calculate a problem. Some problems required team effort.

Students anxiously await their test scores as Computerized Accounting instructor Kim Dorr makes her way around the room.



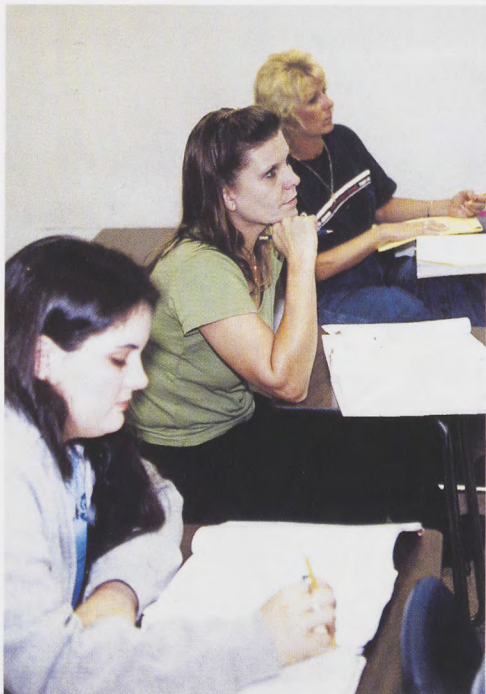
Introduction to Computers is often the first step to computer literacy, and computer literacy is what Christi Day, Derek Burchfield, and Katrina Guevara want.

If you rented a movie at the local Blockbuster, grabbed some Coke from Winn-Dixie, dashed through Popeye's for a box of chicken, drove home, and plopped your feet up to watch your rental, you encountered computers at every turn. Computers drive businesses.

Realizing the importance of computer literacy, Southwest required its graduates to demonstrate competency. Many enrolled in Introduction to Computer to get the basics, but continued into Microcomputer Applications for more in-depth experience with spreadsheets and PowerPoint. Computer and engineering majors spent even more time behind the computer as they developed and tested programs.

But, having a knowledge of how business works was as essential as knowing how to boot up a computer. Classes in accounting, business law, computerized accounting, statistics, and real estate gave students a foundation of business principles.

Whether you become a computer programmer or an accountant, computers will be a major part of your life. Southwest understands that business and computers go hand in hand, and it wants to ensure that its students can handle the union.



Ashley Montet, Brenda Kyzar, and Mary Wallace closely watch every step because they know that skipping a simple step in an algebra problem spells disaster.

Students in Real Numbers listen intently as Dori Richardson tells how Indians counted by making notches on sticks.

Given a list of numbers, you dig inside your cluttered purse or desk drawer for a calculator to simplify the task. Early civilizations developed methods for counting as well, beginning with the abacus used by the Babylonians in 3000 BC and notched sticks used by Indians to the first calculating machine invented in France in 1642...facts students in Real Numbers learned. And they learned much more in their quest to understand our number system in order to teach math to others.

Traditionally only students preparing for elementary education enroll in Real Numbers, but all students are required to master College Algebra to graduate from Southwest. Students with a strong algebra background go directly into College Algebra; students with a weaker background enter either Elementary or Intermediate Algebra.

Math, computer, and engineering majors endure additional semesters in the advanced maths of calculus and differential equations.

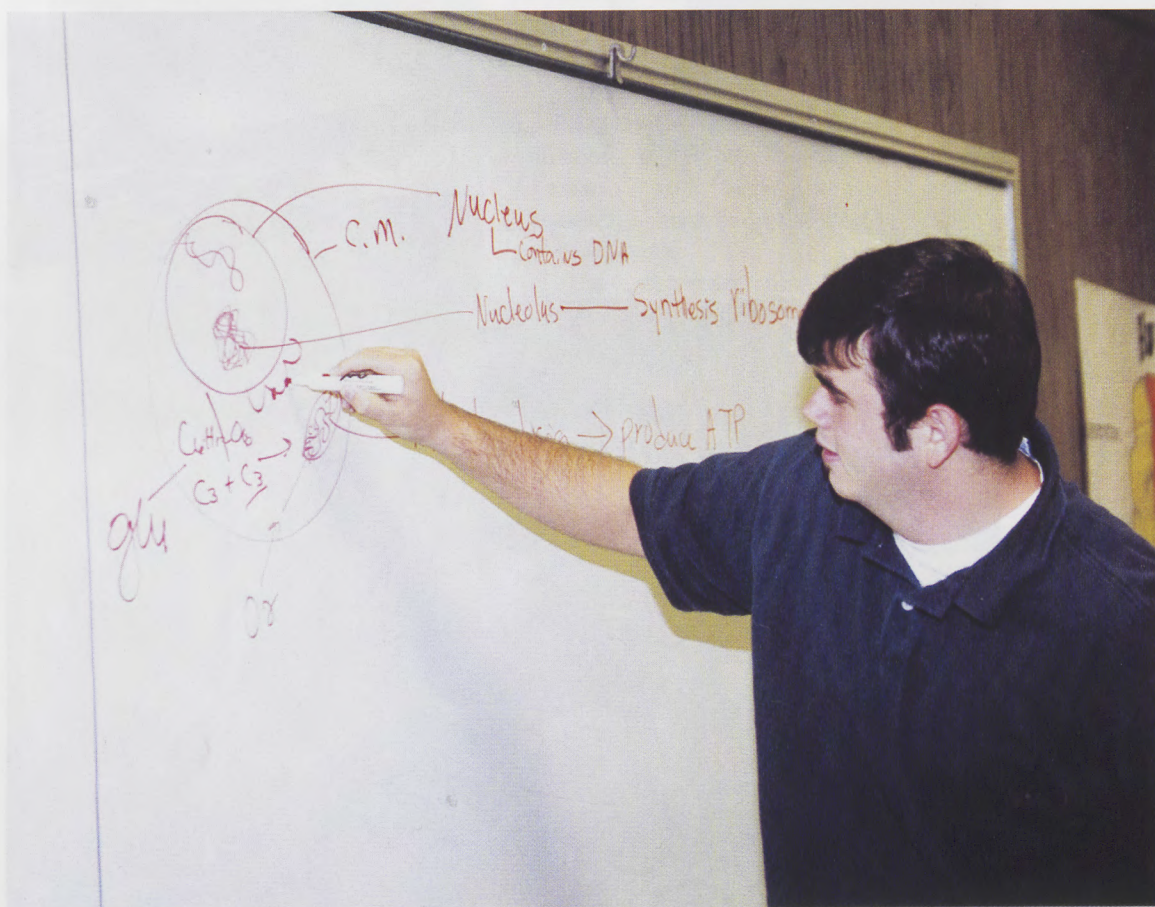
Regardless of sophistication levels, yesterday's counting systems led to today's counting.



Carla Griffin introduces "Fred" to A&P students Sylena Craft and Nicole McMorris. A study of the skeletal system is just one system these students studied this year as they prepared to enter the medical field.

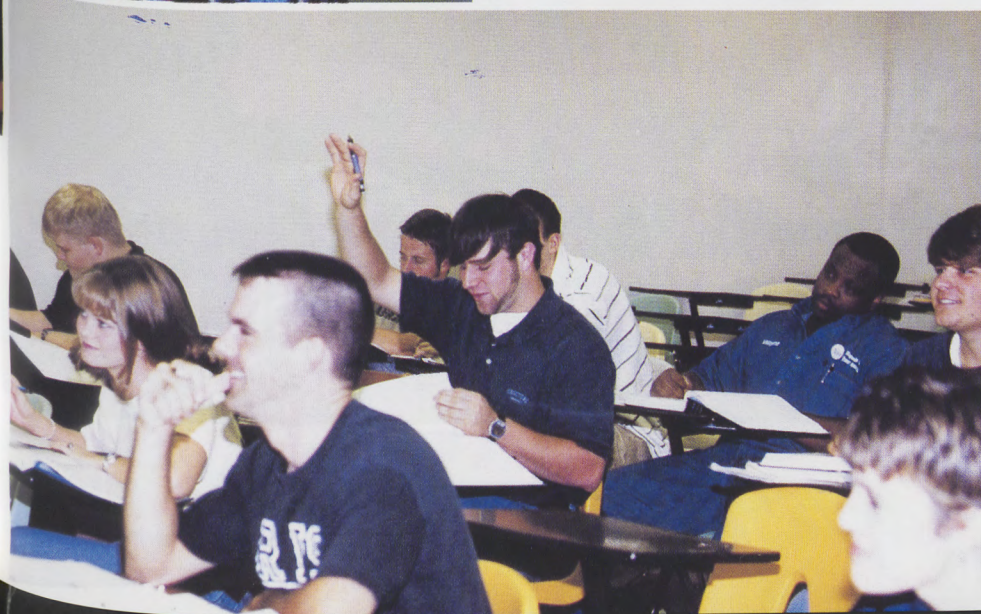
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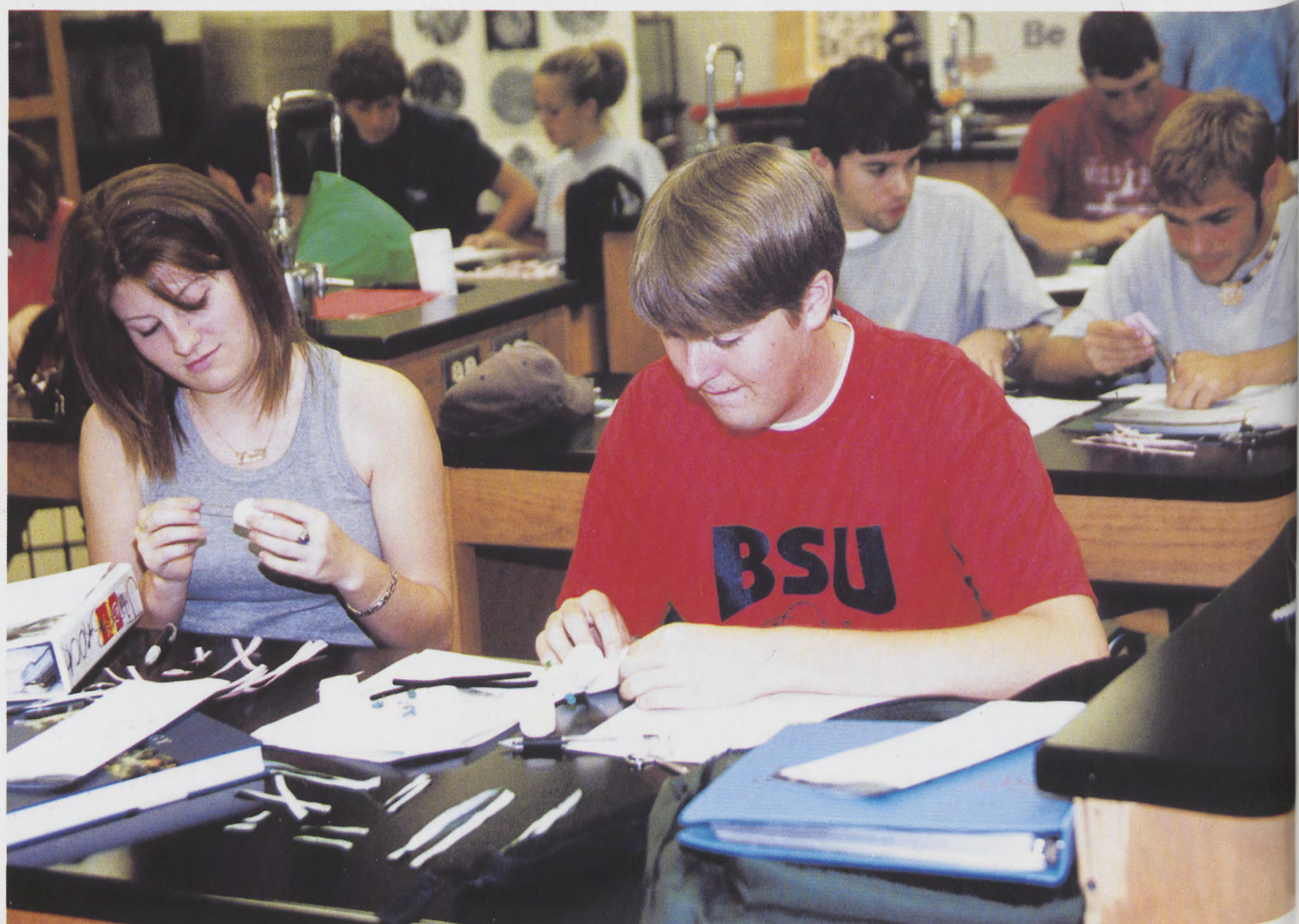
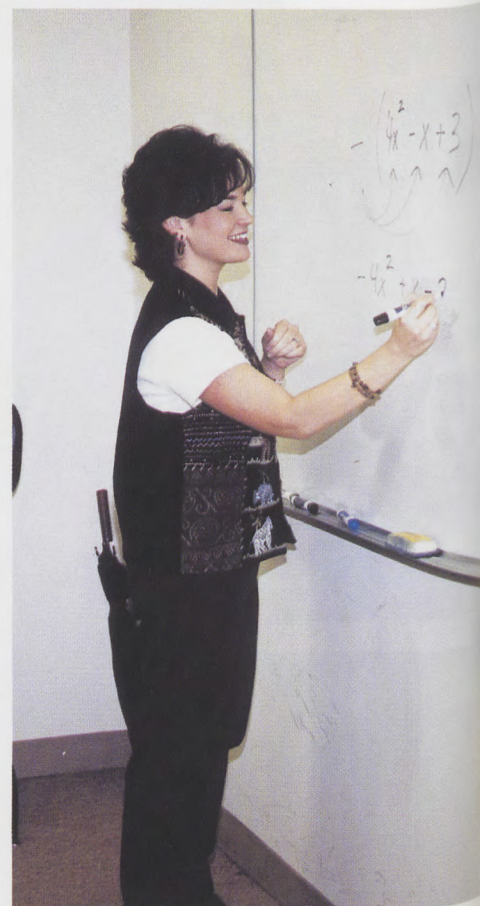
Jake Holloway labels the basic cell components. Microbiology courses began with a review of the cell and its many functions.

As Brady Eldridge raises his hand to ask a question in calculus, questions seem to be the norm. Calculus is a requirement for many technical and engineering fields. Otherwise, there would be few takers.



Debera Reeves multiplies the enclosed trinomial by a -1 to demonstrate how a negative sign before a parenthesis changes all signs within the parenthesis. Although this is a basic principle, students have great difficulty grasping this concept and Debera takes time to carefully explain it.

Down the hall from algebra class, students in biology lab make reebops from marshmallows. Christina Burrows and Julia Stevenson reviewed the lab experiment before making that first stick, but Jade Brock and Matthew Lofton pierced their marshmallows without hesitation.



Yesterday's scientific mysteries lend way to today's understanding

As discoveries were being made in math over time, discoveries were also being made in the sciences...discoveries which often led to cures.

For general studies, students studied basic concepts in biology lecture and lab. Students specializing in chemical

engineering, medical technology, dentistry, medicine, veterinary medicine, environmental science, or pharmacy searched for deeper scientific principles through chemistry, physics, botany, zoology, microbiology, and anatomy and physiology.

Each week students trekked across

campus to meet their lab partners. In laboratories, science instructors had prepared hands-on experiments for students to discover the scientific principles that dictated their daily lives.

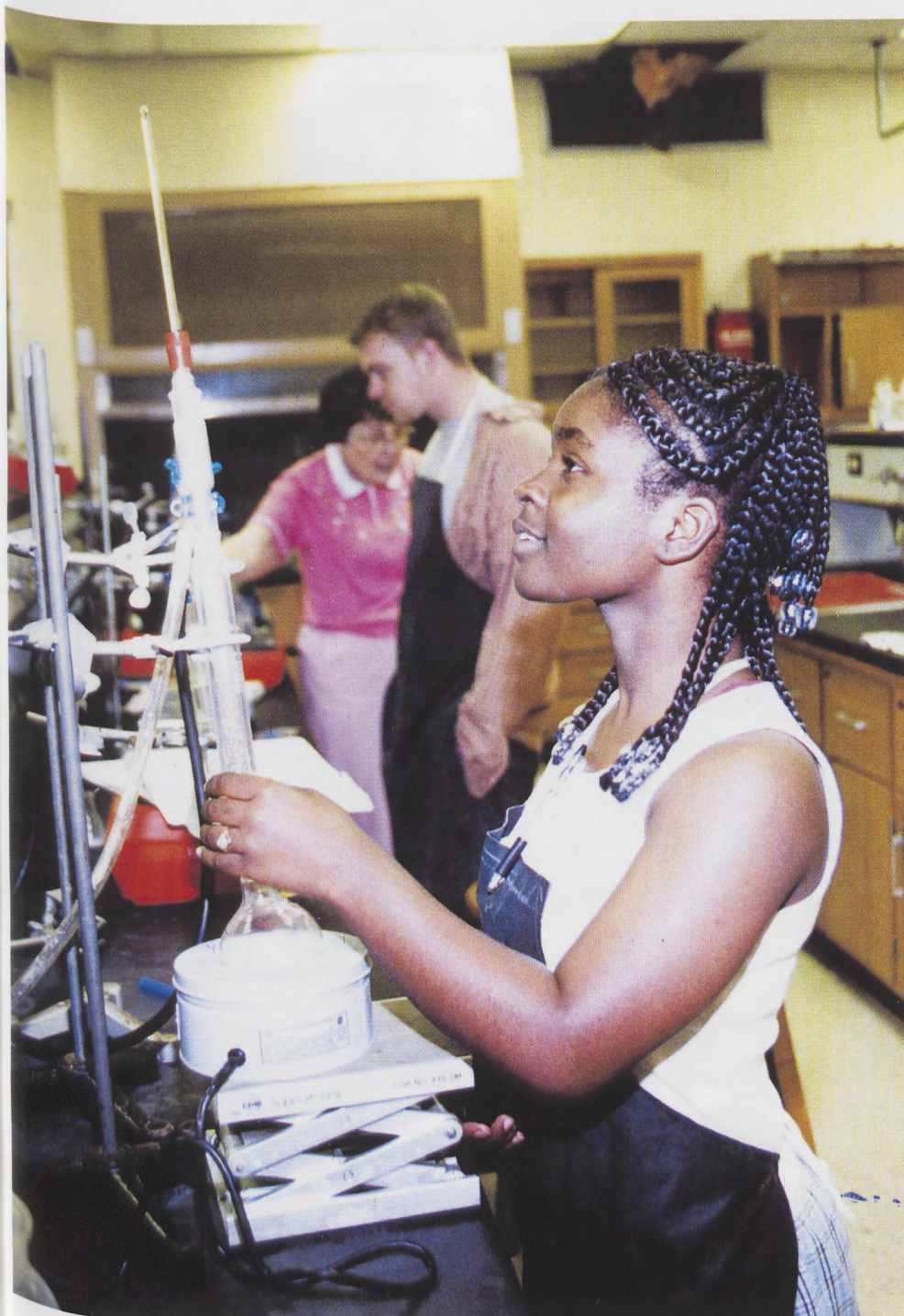
Following printed directions in biology lab, students joined marshmallows together to form reebops which demonstrated the meiosis process.

Chemistry students mixed chemicals and recorded reactions. Anatomy and physiology students used a skeleton, affectionately named "Fred," to understand the bone system, microbiology students gasped as they peered through a microscope at samples collected from the building's water fountain, and activities in physics showed students how the body reacts to unseen forces.

The principles that seem so easy today were once considered scientific mysteries. Thus, the inquisitive minds of yesterday who sought to solve scientific mysteries led the way to our understanding basic scientific principles.

Regina Smith works solo on her experiment in Organic Chemistry as she refluxes a cyclohexene. Just when she thinks one project is complete, it is time to begin another. As a pre-med student, Regina will have years of sciences and experiments ahead of her.

After spending hours in the lab, Regina and her classmates will spend additional hours in the library and on their computers generating a lab report to detail their procedures and explain their results.



health occupations

Training forms informational basis when time counts

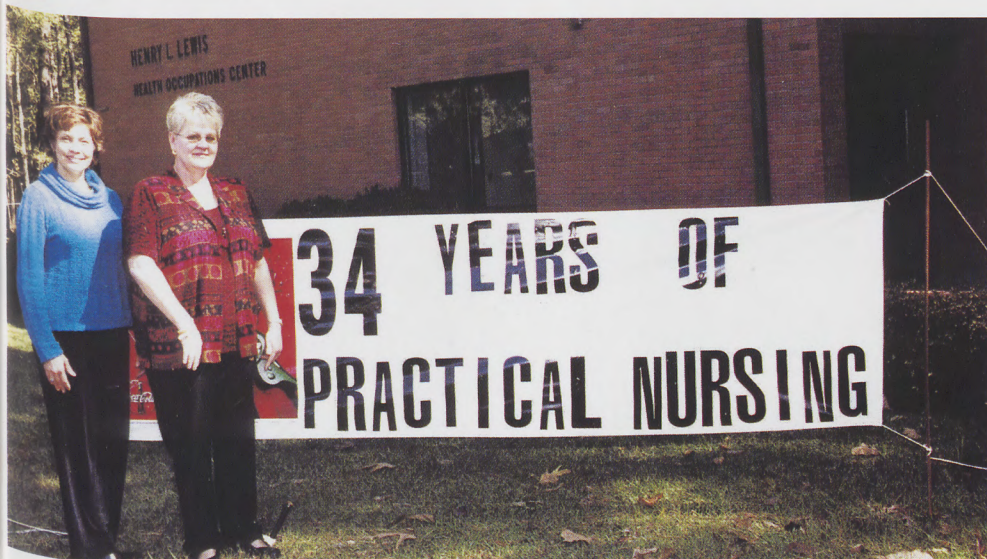
Sophomore ADN students Annie Kepper and Terry Russell fan through the pages as freshman ADN student Carolyn Williams sees what is yet to come.



LPN instructor Dixie Canton keeps a watchful eye on these future nurses. For those desiring to enter the nursing profession after one year of instruction, Southwest's LPN program affords such an opportunity.



LPN Instructors Dixie Canton and Dierdre Reynolds join Southwest in celebrating its 34 years of practical nursing.



Nursing students Kalynthia Matthews, Alisha Long, Brian Case, and Jana Benoit hope the team effort and the fresh air enhance their study. With hundreds of pages to read and clinical preps to complete, nursing students search for any advantage they can get.



Tracy Alford knows that accurate blood pressure readings are essential to monitoring a patient's health. Nurses Aid instructor Brenda Burch makes the necessary adjustments to ensure that Tracy gets the accuracy she seeks.

According to an Internet source, researchers suggest that the maximum average human life span will reach 100 in about six decades. In fact, researchers from Duke University and Cambridge University reviewed longevity data from developed countries, including Australia, Iceland, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States, and found that life expectancy in such countries is steadily increasing by three months per year.

This new information plus the fact that world life expectancy has more than doubled over the past two centuries, from roughly 25 years to about 65 for men and 70 for women, opportunities as a health care professional to care for an aging population are becoming more and more obvious.

Southwest did its part to prepare workers for the health care field through its two-year ADN program, one-year LPN program, and one-semester Nurses Aid program. In each program, students learned nursing fundamentals they could use to educate the public about healthy lifestyles or to spring into action when time counts.



As future diesel mechanics, Cory Stringer and D'Mario Webber pull wrenches in class now, but will pull wrenches for a paycheck later.

After completing Southwest's Commercial Truck Driving program, Kenny Ard, Antoine Damond, and Tacorey Howard will put their knowledge to the test on America's highways and bi-ways.



The American Heritage College Dictionary defines vocation as "a regular occupation for which a person is particularly suited or qualified." Technical refers to specialized qualities. Join the two words together and you get one of more than twenty vocational-technical programs offered in Southwest's vo-tech division.

Here, instructors worked with their students to find programs suited to their abilities and interests. Although the traditional freshmen and sophomores dominated the classroom, more and more non-traditional students reentered school after a long absence to sharpen their skills or to learn a new trade to qualify for the technical job market. Some just wanted to learn a hobby to enjoy in their golden years.

With a vast variety of programs from which to choose, it was easy for everyone to find his/her niche.



Students across this country come to enroll in the Well Construction Technology program. After graduation, they receive job offers from this country and foreign countries too.

Veronica Jackson works on the computer in the Vo-Tech's computer lab, managed by Jennifer Bond, as Russell McNeil looks on.



vo-tech vo-tech

Technical times demand expansion



Try teaching young children basic concepts about how fire needs oxygen to burn and you will receive many reactions as Child Care Development student Hope Dunaway learns. Sarah Fortenberry, Shelby Siebert, and Bailey Lott were an attentive audience, especially while the candle burned.

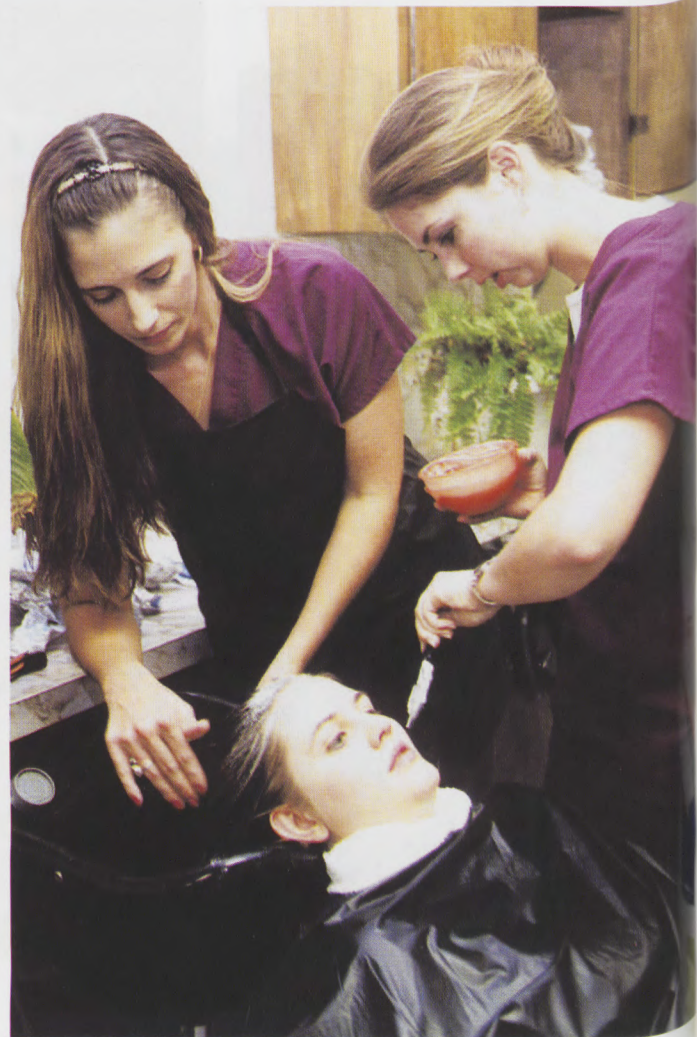
Computer Network Support Technology instructor Bob Simmons answers Angie Dixon's question without interrupting Michael Lindsey's concentration.

Robotics instructor Helen Johnson gets on Glenn Carter's level to check for understanding. Southwest students received individualized instruction when the concept warranted it.



Programs currently available

- ▶ Automotive Technology
- ▶ Carpentry
- ▶ Child Development Technology
- ▶ Commercial Truck Driving
- ▶ Computer Information Systems Technology
- ▶ Computer Network Support Technology
- ▶ Cosmetology
- ▶ Diesel Equipment Technology
- ▶ Electronics Technology
- ▶ Electrical Technology
- ▶ Heating and Air Conditioning
- ▶ Law Enforcement Technology
- ▶ Machine Shop Technology
- ▶ Marketing Management Technology
- ▶ Nurse Assistant
- ▶ Office Systems Technology
- ▶ Practical Nursing
- ▶ Robotics Technology
- ▶ Welding, Brazing, and Soldering
- ▶ Well Construction Technology
- ▶ Work-Based Learning





Computer Information Systems Technology instructor Kim Evans prepares students like Courtney Lacking and Angela Laughlin for the changing world of computer technology.

Sooner or later it becomes test time as Office Systems Technology students Sherrie Hammond, Trystle Bridges, and Jessica Baker well know.

When parts cannot be found, Machine Shop Technology students Chris Tarver, Malcolm Rogers, and William Mealey simply make or repair the part.



Cosmotology students Karen Thomas and Melissa Overton highlight Orianna Dickerson's hair. Hopefully, the result was the highlight of her day.

George Morgan makes the sparks fly while Rickey Ramsey, Emanuel Clark, DeWayne Donelson, Jusden Faust, Perry Toney, Wilson Gaines, and Anthony Bland watch.

The next time you have your car serviced, Lonnie Weathersby, Troy Brumfield, or Patrick Cook could be under the hood.



With changing seasons, heating and air conditioning systems must work properly to ensure comfort, and Heating and Air Conditioning students Terence Denard, Richard Norris, Jason Chaisson, and Scotty Dillon want to keep their customers comfortable regardless of the season.



The American Dream is to own your own home, and these builders in the Carpentry program are learning how to make your dream come true.

Southwest expands robotics program to meet demand

With Mississippi attracting massive industries such as the Nissan plant anchored in Canton, the demand for strong, skilled technologists are needed to make Mississippians competitive and qualified for these high-paying jobs. Even as factories and small businesses increasingly automate their offices and assembly lines, prospective employees more than ever before in history need technical skills to remain competitive in the job hunt.

State higher education officials

wanted community colleges to make their technology curriculum more comprehensive.

Southwest answered this cry for more skilled technologists by expanding its robotics technology program to include courses on automated manufacturing, which will be in place for incoming freshman by the Fall '03 term. Classes in pneumatics and hydraulics will be combined into one course called "Fluid Power" to make

room for the new curriculum.

Although this expansion was perhaps the biggest news among the vocational-technical programs, the expansion of the robotics technology program is only one example of how Southwest's vo-tech curriculums endeavor to meet the needs of the citizens in southwest Mississippi. As businesses and industries necessitate expansion of vo-tech programs, Southwest will answer the call.

Hands-on experiences make lectures come alive for Electrical Technology students Kris King, Justin Hawn, Brent Lambert, Travis Wells, Cortrelle Anderson, and Daniel Boyd.



Marketing Technology instructor Carey Lee takes time to discuss ethical issues with Sandy Palmer, Cody Thompson, Mandi Mathis, and Amanda Erwin before class begins.

Law Enforcement Technology instructor Kenny Miller explains how affirmative defense may "fit" the gray area in crimes.

library library

**Yesterday's news is today's history;
the library has it all**



Assistant Librarian Maxine Bierbaum stands beside a donated piece of art by Elizabeth Walker Dunaway, sister of Virginia Burrows, Southwest art instructor. When the LLRC underwent extensive renovation, Assistant Librarian Maxine Bierbaum asked local artists to make contributions for display.

LLRC Director Jo Ann Young prepares Natalie McMahon to assume the helm.

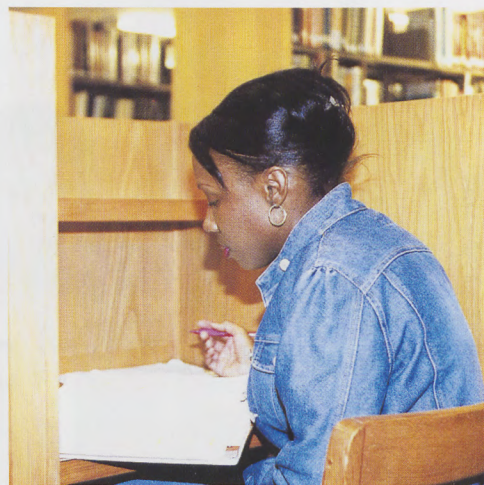
Mention the word *library* and you automatically think of books. Yet, the Library-Learning Resources Center (LLRC), commonly called the library, is more than books.

Yes, the library still had books, but computerized systems allowed students to access book titles and check out books. For additional research, the Learning Lab, housed in the library, afforded student access to Internet research, Southwest e-mail accounts, and *Blackboard*, a program faculty used to post information to students. Patrons had no excuse for not finding

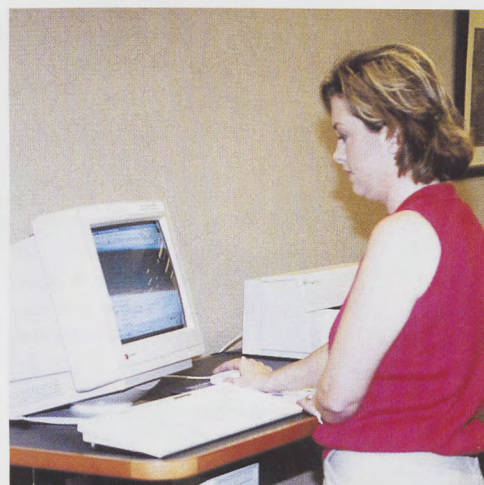




Learning Lab Assistant Carol Anne Graves preps FEA members Glenda Rushing, Vickie Deere, and Cassie Hilburn for their afternoon tutoring session with area children.



Amanda Williams nestles inside a carrel to study for her upcoming A&P test.



Beth Hewitt searches WebCat, an automated card catalog system, for information about the rise of Christianity in British literature.



By flipping through reference books, Barbara Schilling takes the conventional way to research her sociology presentation on the 1960's.

Raycheal Patterson and Mary Wilson use the computers in the Learning Lab for their assignments.

information about today's news or yesterday's history.

If that wasn't enough, students coming to the LLRC photocopied notes, read local newspapers and current magazines, studied in carrels or study rooms, typed papers and notes in the Learning Lab, attended class in adjoining classrooms, or tutored reading and math to students from local schools in an afternoon tutoring session.

The LLRC was definitely more than a library of books. Its friendly personnel assisted patrons in locating pertinent information to keep them abreast of both current and old information.



Career Center secretary Charlotte McGregor and secretary/receptionist Breeze Alford work as a team to assist Center employees.

Carolyn Williams' duties as Workforce/Basic Skills Specialist require that she divides her time between the Center and meetings.



Personal Development Specialist Belinda Jones discusses career options for GED graduates, trained by GED instructor Yolanda Young.

Change is perhaps the only certainty that life offers. Addressing change was the premise behind the One-Stop Career Center, located in Kenna Hall.

Serving as a liaison between Southwest and the community, competent personnel assisted employees of new and existing businesses and industries in meeting their technical training requirements or in upgrading their basic skill levels to meet the demands of a changing job market.

The Career Center aided not only today's employee but also yesterday's. The Institute for Learning in Retirement, targeting persons fifty years of age or older, sponsored luncheons and classes in art and yoga.

Today's student preparing for tomorrow's job utilized the many services of the Career Planning and

Assessment Lab to find the right career path for them.

Whether working, enjoying retirement, or preparing to work, the One-Stop Career Center eased fears about the future.

career center

Center eases fears about future



Jerry Malone directs the One-Stop Career Center and strives to keep it running smoothly.

Since Lamar Rogers must stay in touch with local businesses and industries, much of his time is spent making and receiving telephone calls.



rganizations abounded across campus to satisfy student interests and to create areas for involvement.

Organizations existed for students with common interests and beliefs, proven academic successes, creative abilities, solid leadership skills, outgoing personalities, refined musical talents, strong competitive natures, and desires to promote professionalism.

At meetings members shared ideas and made plans to promote their platforms and further their organization's goals. In the process friendships developed and leaders emerged.

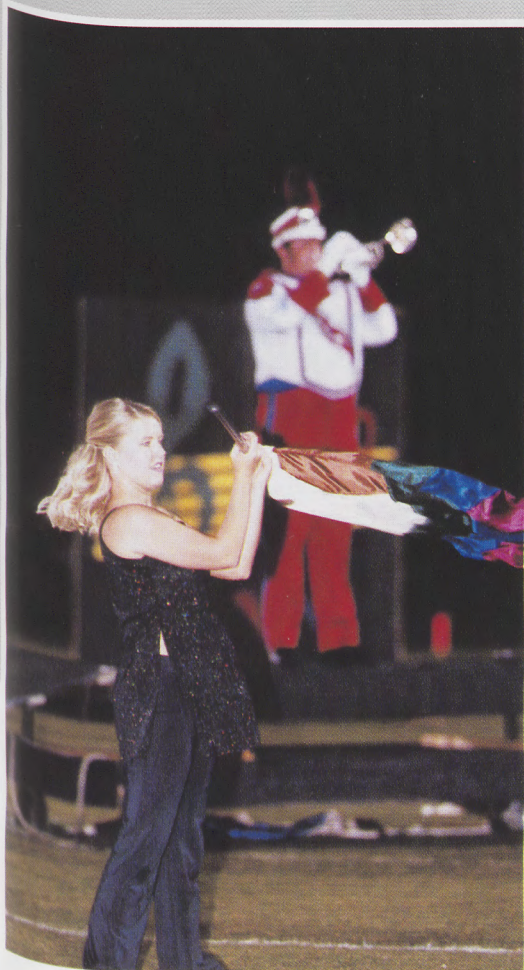
Watch the students who planned and participated in the many activities across campus.

WATCH STUDENTS PLAN

Assisting with Bear Jamboree, Bear Trackers Amanda Knighton, Laura McCarty, Josh Matthews, and Nicole McMorris wait for customers.

As FEA officer Aspen Hardges watches, FEA members Tammy Hewitt and Sabrina Catoire prepare to paint another pretty face at the organization's booth during the Summit Fall Fest.



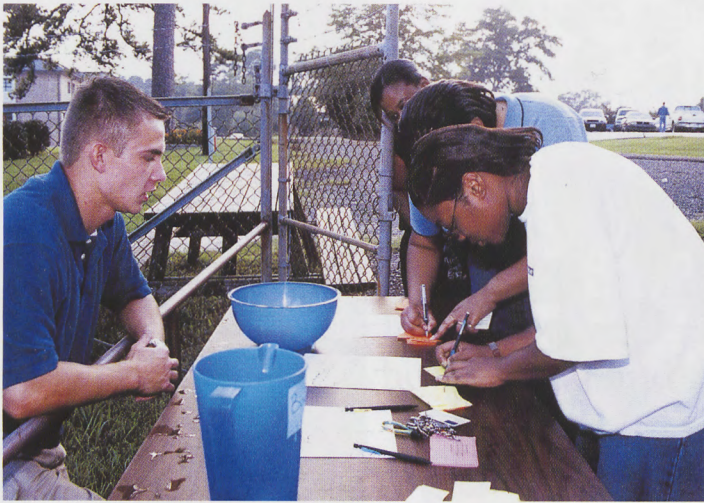


After weeks of practice, Raven Dunaway and other dance line members show the fruits of their labor during half-time performances.

A packed crowd fills the first BSU meeting and welcomes its new BSU Director, Heidi Cheatham, a Madison, Mississippi, native.

ORGANIZATIONS

Seth Guidry mans the gate during Bear Jamboree and assists with the registration for door prizes.



On behalf of the entire student body, SGA President Bethany White addresses the crowd during the celebration for President Holmes.



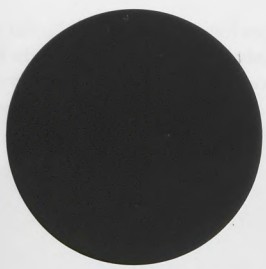
Freshman Officers

Kim Conerly - Secretary
 Kate Edmonds - Vice President
 Karinlee Brister - President
 Kelly Thomas - Treasurer



Sophomore Officers

Brandi Burris - President
 Raven Dunaway - Secretary
 Cori Wilkinson - Vice President
 Ashley Glover - Treasurer



student leaders

govern others

Since this year was an election year for local officials and state representatives, posters lined city streets and advertisements filled local newspapers in an effort to disseminate information about each candidate and to sway each voter to make the "right choice."

Election on a much smaller scale occurred during Spring '02 as students campaigned and elected the Student Government Association (SGA) officers of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer to lead the student body during academic year 2002-03. The election process continued in the fall as each class nominated and elected class officers to complete the SGA governing body.

At weekly SGA meetings, this governing body, serving as representatives of the entire student body, made decisions and plans that affected the entire student body. SGA members designed and sold T-shirts, sponsored blood drives, hosted Bear Jamboree, selected a Homecoming theme, decorated for the annual Homecoming dance and spring formal, created Homecoming displays, and many other activities that required student participation.

Having made all of the decisions regarding design and project executions, these campus-wide leaders soon learned the hazards that sometimes go with the job of an elected official — criticism. Yet, in spite of it all, they triumphed as true leaders who governed others well.



SGA Officers

Bethany White - *President*
Bryce Crawford - *Secretary*
Seth Guidry - *Treasurer*
Jessica Jackson - *Vice President*

In her sporting attire, Nicole McMorris hunts for a cure as well as fishes for a cure for cancer. *Conquering Cancer: Fishing for a Cure* was the theme for the organization's service and honors projects.



PTK Officers

Aaron Putnum, Vice President of Leadership, Bryce Crawford, Historian, Zachary Young, President, seated; Nicole McMorris, Treasurer, Dean Bill Johnson, sponsor, Amanda Knighton, Reporter, Jessica Jackson, Secretary, Diane Turnage, sponsor, Regina Smith, Vice President of Scholarship, standing; not pictured: Adam Smith, Vice President of Service, Matthew Lofton, Vice President of Fellowship



Sponsor Diane Turnage keeps the group up-to-date on pertinent details to ensure that they maintain their elite status. With busy schedules groups have a difficult time finding a suitable time for meetings. For these PTK members and other organizations, lunch makes the perfect time for meetings.



We see, we go,

*we
conquer*

Gaining an education is the reason for attending college. The Southwest Omicron Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTA) acknowledged this fact and drew those students with high academic standards into its fellowship.

A student must be enrolled in at least fifteen academic hours and have at least a 3.5 GPA for membership into this elite society. Members must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA for continued membership. The fall induction on October 15, 2002, added fifteen additional members to its fold.

PTA membership brought privileges and work as members sought to retain their 5-star status. In addition to fulfilling requirements to meet hallmarks, members sponsored many fundraisers to offset the expense of attending national conference in Anaheim, California.

Once again, the Marathon Cheese sales were a big hit as purchasers received their cheese in time for holiday cooking. Holiday shoppers took advantage of McRae's Charity Sale, and non-bakers grabbed baked goods on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Each year, outstanding PTK members are selected to represent Southwest on the All-USA Academic Team. Nicole McMorris and Bethany White were this year's representatives.

Whether it's driving into the books to get the grade or driving into projects to earn money or earn acclaim for the organization, PTA members see the tasks before them, go for them, and attempt to conquer.



Fall 2002 Inductees

Rosa M. Howell, Catherine Jacocks McMillan, Nina Annette Smith, Kristi Ann Greer, row 1; Linda Dianne Bowers, Heather Michelle King, Christina Burrows, Jared Brady Eldridge, row 2; Amy Willene Killingsworth, Cori Belle Wilkinson, Bradley Harold Crain, Patsy Ann Hornback, row 3; Tulio Dock Chirinos, Robbey Elyse Boyd, Mamie Yvonne Kettle, Tara Nichole Nation, row 4; Anna Marie Whittington, Anna Marie Wacker, row 5

In addition to proclaiming the advantages of attending Southwest, Kelley Ott answers all questions that guests at the Career Fair may have.

Cori Wilkinson, Crystal Ferguson, and Misty Brown serve punch at Discover Southwest Night.



A willingness to serve in whatever capacity is one of the many requirements of a Bear Tracker. Aaron Putnam and Josh Matthews assisted with registration at the Career Fair while Nilah Burnette assisted in the LSU booth.



Laura Graves works the crowd in search of potential Bears or others who need assistance.



Our face wants

*to see
your face*

Why come to Southwest? Just ask any one of the Bear Trackers, Southwest's ambassador group, and he/she will gladly proclaim the many benefits of being a Southwest Bear.

During campus events, such as President Holmes Day, Discover Southwest Night, Freshman Orientations, and the Career Fair, you could easily spot them in their blue shirts as they mingled with the crowd, answered questions about Southwest, and assumed leadership roles. They often traveled with their advisor, Academic Counselor Betty Johnson, to neighboring schools to assist in recruiting.

Each year faculty recommends students for acceptance into this elite group. Screened by another committee of faculty members, Bear Trackers are some of Southwest's best, and they assume the role proudly.

Whatever the occasion, whatever the event, Bear Trackers did all that they could because their faces want to see your face among the student body at Southwest.

David Dancisin gets additional instructions from Bear Tracker sponsor Betty Johnson.

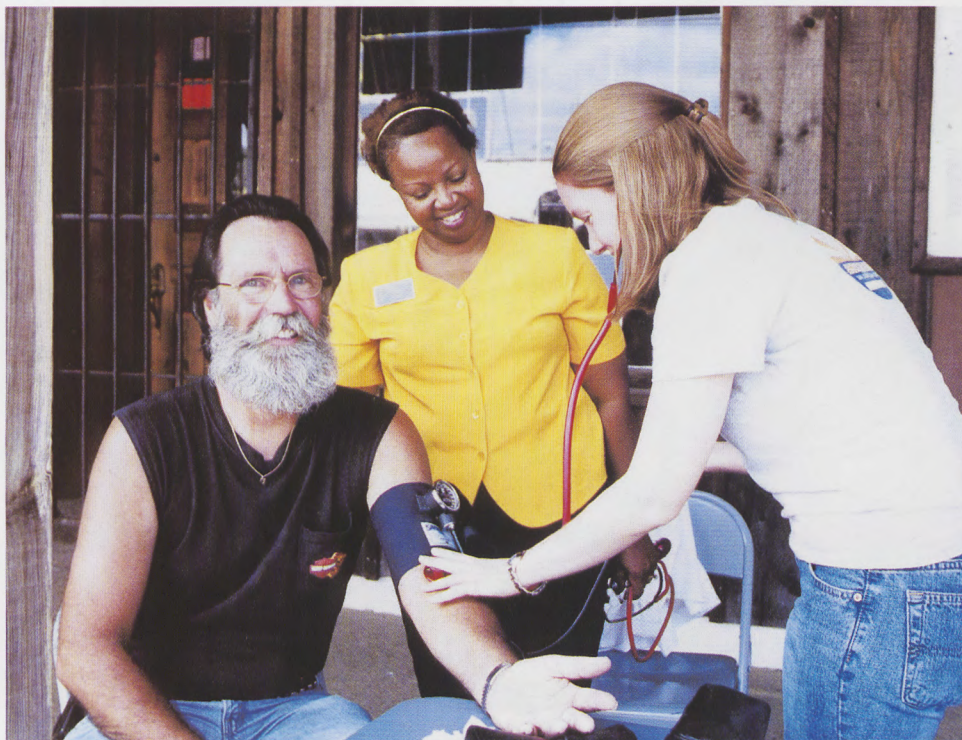


SMCC Beartrackers '02

Nicole McMorris, Ashley Glover, Bethany White, Amanda Knighton, Regina Smith, Hilleri Roberts;
row two: Laura Graves, Dawn Ashley, Jesica Jackson, Cody Burris, Laura McCarty, Nila Burnette,
Jen Goodwin; row three: Aaron Putnam, Kelley Ott, Ricardo Orellana, David Dancisin, Bryce
Crawford, Josh Matthews

Roll up your sleeve

With ADN instructor Josie Jackson watching, David Jowers rolls up his sleeve for future nurse Angela Sinclair to check his blood pressure and vital signs.



SNO Officers

Josie Jackson, Sponsor, Heidi Bowman, Public Relations Committee, Jeanne Clark, Secretary, Nila Burnette, Treasurer; standing: Jane McGrew, Chairperson, Teresa Coon, Sponsor, Lee Wall, Public Relations Committee, Bryan Jones, President-elect, Becky Fitzgerald, President, Ramona Young, Sponsor, Katherine Prentiss, Sponsor

for
life

Ask students in the nursing program and they would quickly tell you that it was a very time-consuming, difficult, and stressful curriculum. Although they found little time for themselves between reading hundreds of text pages and preparing for hospital clinicals, they realized the seriousness of their role in the health care profession.

One avenue of escape from the books was Student Nurses Organization (SNO) meetings. Here student nurses relaxed and enjoyed food and fellowship with each other as they discussed group projects and upcoming conventions.

At the first meeting a few sophomore students gave tips to the freshman class about surviving the first year of nursing school. At another meeting, Mrs. Teisha Williams came from Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center to show the group how computer charting worked at the McComb hospital.

Once again they participated in the Summit Fall Feast, held every September in downtown Summit. These trained experts in taking vital signs provided free blood pressure screenings to all takers. Realizing that high blood pressure problems are silent killers, these SNO members encouraged shoppers to stop and to roll up their sleeves for continued life.

Other projects included a food drive for MICA and taking donated gifts for the Christmas House at the Mississippi State Hospital.

As professional nurses, these students will have many opportunities to tell patients to roll up their sleeves for life as they endeavor to educate patients about healthy living.

Buzzzzzz!!!!

*and the
answer is...*

Want a little action in your life? Need to do something with all that trivia you have stored in your brain cells? Well, Scholars Bowl is the answer for you.

Some may even call it useless information, but members of Scholars Bowl called it ammunition to "shoot down" the competition and claim the prize. Although a storehouse of information learned over time was an essential ingredient, a quick hand coupled with a correct answer was the key to continued success in competitions.

Each week, members practiced and prepared for challenges as their sponsor Matt Calhoun drilled them. They quickly learned the advantages of team play as each team member brought a certain area of expertise to the "table." When a question appeared in that category, it was time for the expert in that field to take action and to take charge.

After weeks of drills on skills, it was time to take to the road as the team traveled to the First Annual Seaside Academic Tournament in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and later to Meridian for practice runs before the biggest event in February — the "Bowl of Bowl" at Ole Miss where participants vied for scholarships and bragging rights. In Florida, Charles Torgerson received a medal for placing fifth overall in the number of correct toss-up questions answered and Cliff Neames placed in the top 25%. At Meridian, the team of Chip Torgerson, Cliff Neames, Kelley Ott, and Seth Guidry finished first out of nine teams that competed.

A quick hand and quick mind were the essentials for this game, yet these attributes will serve them well in time as they face the competitive job market where they will buzz in with all of the correct answers.

Scholars Bowl Team Members

Kelley Ott, Rachael Runnels, Todd Gatlin, Heather King, Jason Brown, Chip Torgerson, Cliff Neames, Seth Guidry, Matt Calhoun, Sponsor



Seth Guidry mingles with local high school students. When these high school students came to campus for some friendly competition, Scholars Bowl members assisted with each round of competition.



Aaron Putnam makes a final tally of scores while Todd Gatlin checks the equipment for upcoming matches.

Professionalism begins

Phi Beta Lambda Officers

Kiffany Adams, Secretary, Judy Freeman, Reporter, Yvonne Trotter, Activities Director; standing: Amy Case, Vice President, Jessica Baker, Activities Director, Amy Killingsworth, Treasurer, Darla Whittington, Parliamentarian, Patsy Hornback, President



Phi Beta Lambda

Leigh Ann Dwyer, Kathy Boyte, Leeanne Case, sponsors on front row

Jessica Baker, Yvonne Trotter, Miranda Pepper, Nelda Hodges, Mirinda Holmes; row two: Kiffany Adams, Judy Freeman, Robbey Boyd, Jean Loflin, Angie Morgan; row three: Patsy Hornback, Darla Whittington, Chandra Hunt, Diane Duvall, J. Brumfield; row four: Amy Case, Amy Killingsworth, Candice Tobias, Lakendra Smith

in Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is a national organization that assists students in becoming successful in the business world. PBL gives members an opportunity to compete with other schools in the areas of accounting, word processing, and interviewing.

Students enrolled in the Office System Technology Program are invited to join this prestigious organization, which meets semi-monthly to discuss upcoming events and to prepare for competitions to test their professional skills. To be eligible for membership, students must have a 3.0 GPA with at least 12 semester hours and must maintain a 2.5 GPA to retain membership status.

In addition to preparing for competitions and to learning the key aspects of professionalism, PBL members serve others. On October 26, 2002, members participated in the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, raising \$1200 for the cause. They visited nursing homes at Thanksgiving and adopted a needy child at Christmas.

So, before becoming a professional in the workforce, PBL members got their first experiences in professionalism through Southwest's active PBL organization. Members learned firsthand the qualities necessary to be professionals in today's competitive job market.

To own your own business

examine the market

Want to own your own business? Already own your own business? Whether you own your own business, desire to own your own business, or simply shop for American goods, you must have a basic understanding of how the free market system works.

Marketing students enrolled in marketing classes examined the free market system and learned these basics and more. Some marketing students went beyond the classroom and participated in Delta Epsilon Chi where they had the opportunity to compete with other marketing students from all Mississippi community colleges with marketing programs.

Perhaps one of the first concepts these students learned was that in order to market a product, they had to perform extensive research and examine the market for competitors and consumers.

As part of their course requirements, marketing students created and presented products to their peers and invited guests...all in preparation for their ultimate audience in the workplace — the consumer. These presentations prepared Delta Epsilon Chi members for upcoming competitions and enabled students to get a grasp of what marketing and ownership entail.

Some of these Delta Epsilon Chi members may become business owners, but whether they own their own business or not, they now know to examine the market and weigh their options before embarking on a new enterprise.

After weeks of research and planning, it's time to begin the presentation, and Carey Lee sets the stage for the event. Presenting in front of classmates is one thing, but presenting in front of judges at competitions is quite another.

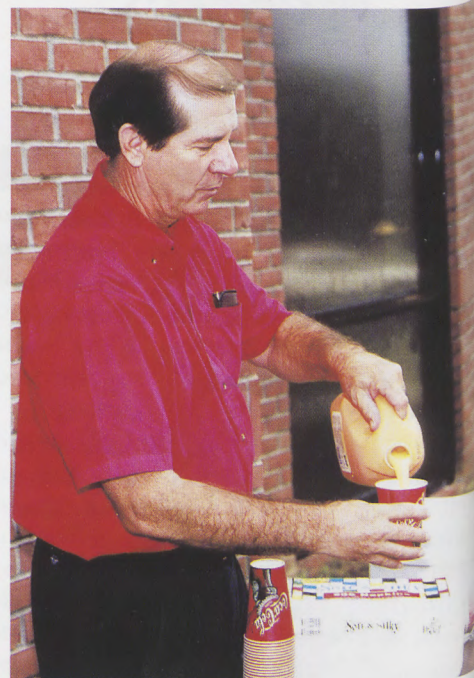


If you're going to market something, why not market something big like the Chevy STE, marketed by Mandi Mathis, Willnaldo Gayden, Natasha Wilson, Justin Boyd, and Sandy Palmer.

Meals vary from week to week. Tacos, pizza, sloppy joes, club sandwiches, chips, cold beverages, and fixin's are the norm, but occasionally something different landed on the serving tables, such as these hamburgers grilled by Bob McGinnis and his son Bruce McGinnis. Regardless of food, the good fellowship was the same from week to week.

Joined hand in hand, students, faculty, administrators, campus ministries leaders, and community leaders pray for our country and for each other.

Before students leave See You at the Pole for their 8:00 class, Hugh Holdercummings, Wesley leader, pours orange juice for the group. Orange juice may have quinched these thirsts, but campus ministries leaders knew that Jesus provided the living water to quench all thirsts — the basis for weekly activities.



As Vo-Tech instructor Bob Simmons and Cynthia Dillon sit to his right, SMCC speech instructor Steve Bishop shares one of Jesus' parables with the CCM. Sitting, Nicole Brignac, and Cathy McMillan (above) are equally attentive. From time to time during the semester, faculty members shared their beliefs and insights with fellow believers.



Open arms extend

to
others

BSU Leadership Team

Karinlee Brister, Karen Hearn, Iya Bakare, Aaron Putnam, Michelle Bruss, Kelley Ott, Jennifer Goodwin, Amy Hamilton, Alexis Whittington, Jessica Baker; not pictured, Derek Burchfield, Brad DeLaughter, Jason Wells



Heidi Cheatham is all smiles about her new position as BSU Director.

Nicole Brignac encourages students to think about the good news today — specifically that Jesus lives.

Got plans for lunch on Tuesday or Wednesday? Students and faculty found the place to go on these days as they made their way to the Catholic Campus Ministries (CCM) on Tuesdays and the Baptist Student Union (BSU) on Wednesdays for some good food, good fellowship, and good worship.

Tuesday's CCM meeting followed by Wednesday's BSU luncheon was just the ticket for a mid-week push. Worship leaders led in songs and biblical teachings while students and faculty met together to share a meal, to learn about mission opportunities, and to express prayer concerns.

Although these two campus ministries targeted specific denominations of believers, all were welcomed, regardless of religious affiliation. These times furnished opportunities for believers to share in the struggles of college life.

Sophomores who returned to BSU this year met their new BSU Director, Heidi Cheatham, who spearheaded many activities, including weekly Bible studies and Fifth Quarter following home football games, to reach students of all denominations who share a belief in the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Heidi joined Nicole Brignac, CCM leader, in ministering to Southwest's youth. In both organizations, open arms were extended in Christian love to others.

Whispering Pines Staff

Nic DeArmas, Tabitha Fowler, Meghan McCarthy, Jesica Jackson, Kim Conerly, Jessica Ferguson, Kelly Thomas, Amanda Knighton, Bethany White, Amber McCormick



All work and no play make dull staff meetings, so the staff takes a break from the norm to enjoy some Halloween treats.



While Kim Conerly, left, listens, Sponsor Gwen May answers all questions Amanda Knighton has as staffers Amber McCormick, Jesica Jackson, and Bethany White identify people in recent photos.

Time for everything

*this time
it's color*

To a young child waiting for Christmas or that next birthday, time creeps. To staffers on the *Whispering Pines*, time moves much too quickly as deadlines for shipment approach.

The *Whispering Pines* staff met weekly to sort pictures, identify students, create layouts, write captions and copy, and describe events to preserve not only the history of Southwest but also the student life of the 2002-03 Bears. Many of the staffers had worked on yearbooks in their local high schools, so they knew the demands expected of them. These veterans showed the new enlistees the fundamentals of "yearbooking." Yet, all learned that creating a yearbook for college differed from creating a yearbook for high school.

There was something special about this year's book — color. In the past color pages appeared periodically throughout the book, but for the first time in Southwest's history, the 2003 edition of the *Whispering Pines* was 100% color, making Southwest one of only three higher education institutions in the state to have full color yearbooks.

The staff saw no difference in producing the yearbook, but the difference came when the book arrived in April and every picture was reproduced in vibrant colors. There is a first for everything, and this year it was a first for color.

Amber McCormick and Tabitha Fowler work as a team to get their stack completed.

Pictures, pictures, pictures - that's what staffers see in their sleep after alphabetizing over 1,000 student photos, yet they don't complain because they know the importance of including each picture.



Let the presses roll



Editor Bradley Crain spends much time in front of a computer as he scans in pictures and types copy for each edition.



with campus news

Across the hall from the *Whispering Pines* staff, members of the *Pine Burr* were equally busy as they raced around campus to find the perfect story in time for monthly publications. Having a small staff placed more demands on each member and their sponsor, Sharon Lawson, as they attempted to bring the latest happenings on campus to print. Yet, they rose to the challenge and published monthly editions filled with news and pictures for everyone to enjoy.

Editor Bradley Crain steered the group while Ally Ashmore and Barrett Welch sought that perfect story. As a journalism major, Barrett always managed to add that extra "twist" to his writings that evoked varying reactions from his readers.

Throughout the year, it was a learning experience for the entire staff. By producing a school newspaper, they gained a basic understanding of how daily newspapers are formed and they gained a greater appreciation for those that form them.



For now, Ally Ashmore cuts and pastes copy, but new technology will soon allow the *Pine Burr* to be emailed directly to the *Enterprise Journal*.



Barrett Welch checks the layout and looks for additional space for upcoming events.

Future teachers learn

to teach
our future

In April 2002, a Future Educators of America (FEA) organization began on campus. Sponsored by Nancy Holmes and Gwen May with Dr. Jeanne Williams serving in an advisory capacity, FEA inducted members, elected officers, and established committees.

The purpose of this organization was to provide students with opportunities to explore teaching as a career option, to help students gain a realistic understanding of the nature of education and the role of the teacher, and to coordinate information about teaching as a profession, employment opportunities, financial assistance options, and other educational issues. Membership in the organization was open to students who were currently enrolled at Southwest and those who expressed an interest in education as a profession.

As their service project, FEA members visited local schools to read to students while some tutored one-on-one in the Learning Lab with students who have been recommended for additional assistance by their elementary teacher.

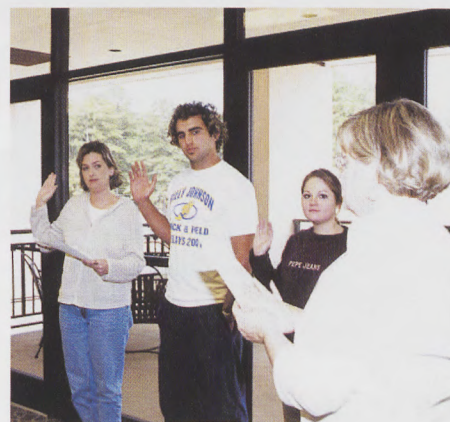
From knowledge gained from class assignments at Southwest to working with area students, these future teachers were learning how to teach our future.

The new Horace C. Homes Student Union makes the perfect meeting place for FEA and other organizations.



FEA Officers

Seated: Tammy Hewitt, *Reporter*
Amy Hamilton, *Secretary*
Standing: Aspen Hardges, *Vice President*
Nita Smith, *President*



Sponsor Nancy Holmes inducts three new members into FEA's fold of future educators. These are only three of the many who joined the organization during the fall.

Reflection in action at Homecoming Stage Band Show

Stephen Lott



Karinlee Brister, Jonathan Ryals



Tony Coney



Sarah Graves



Jen Goodwin



Brandy Knight

Any time's a good

time for music

Practicing in the choir room is one thing, but standing on the stage gives a whole new meaning to practice as the choir looks into an empty auditorium and imagines a packed house.



Reflection

Karinlee Brister, Brandy Knight

Tony Coney, Jen Goodwin, Stephen Lott, Sarah Graves, Jonathan Ryals

In the opening number, Karinlee Brister is all smiles while Jonathan Ryals leaps into action.

Dancers trade snowballs for beach balls in Lil' St. Nick. Rather than snow-covered cabins in the mountains, these cruisers enjoyed open water and sand-covered beaches. Regardless of location, Santa always finds you.

The cruise ship is a fitting background for *Cruisin' into Christmas*, and the combination of instrumentals, dances, and solos make viewers eager for Christmas. With lights beaming from above and below, Reflection singers Karinlee Brister, Brandy Knight, Jonathan Ryals, Stephen Lott, Jen Goodwin, and Sarah Graves together with the entire Stage Band orchestra end the show with "I Have Seen the Light" and "Joy to the World."



Got plans for Christmas?

go *cruisin'*

Got plans for Christmas? After considering chill factors with night temperatures in the high 20's and day highs in the low 50 's, a trip to the Bahamas or Bermuda sounds very exciting, even at Christmas.

If you were unable to leave your job or family to enjoy a sea excursion for the Christmas holidays, taking a trip to the Christmas Stage Band shows on December 5-7 might have been your answer. From its beginning number of "Caribbean Christmas Holiday" to its ending number of "Joy to the World," the performers of *Cruisin' into Christmas* rendered performances worthy of viewers' braving the cold wind to see.

During the shows there was something for everyone to enjoy. Reflection accompanied the Stage Band on "Caribbean Christmas Holiday," "First Day of the Son," "Angels From Company 'C'," "Mele Kalikimaka," "I Have Seen the Light," and "Joy to the World." Dancers accompanied the Stage Band on "Lil' St. Nick" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

Perhaps the biggest surprise of all was when Elvis, yes, the King of Rock-n-Roll, appeared live on stage — all the way from Bogie Chitto, Mississippi. The highlight for small children, however, came on Saturday night when Santa stopped by to deliver gifts and to encourage the little tots to be good.

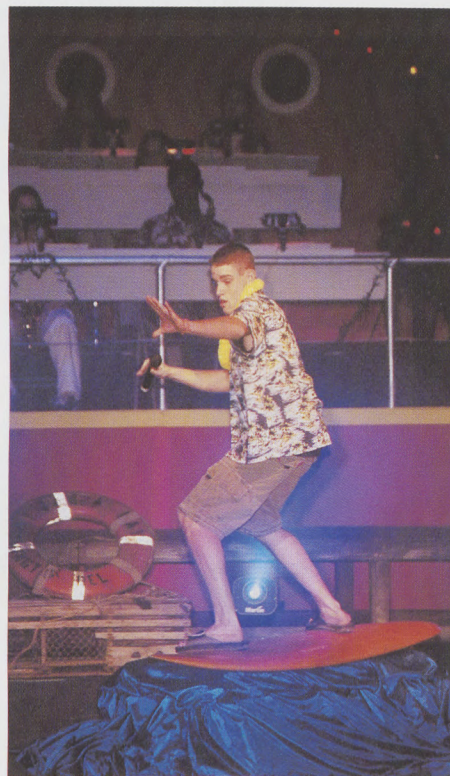
If you had not gotten the Christmas spirit prior to these shows, you certainly left with the Christmas spirit. After hearing only one of these productions, you were well on your way to *Cruisin' into Christmas!*

After some gentle persuasion with a water gun, Stephen Lott gets Dawn Ashley to hula on stage. Stephen and Dawn were not the only ones making moves, as Elvis made a surprise visit. Amazingly Elvis seems to reappear every few years, and it's always during the Stage Band shows. Think he knows someone there?

Rudolph makes an appearance during the shows, thanks to Brandy Knight.



Who needs water when you can surf on dry land like Stephen Lott? Stephen not only surfed but sang as well. Now, that's a task few can do on land or on water.



Tony Coney steps with the beat of selections by Earth, Wind, and Fire while dancers Brandi Burris, Mandi Ritchie, Brandy Knight, Jeana Perkins, and Melissa Carr sway. Band members and dancers must be versatile as they move about the field or as they switch from dance routines to flags.



Drums

Dwayne Weatherspoon, Jessica Bullock,
Tony Coney, Reginald McGhee

Drum Major

Karinlee Brister





Will practice

*ever
end?*

Even though football may be the reason fans flocked to the stands during football season, it was the halftime performances of the Marching Band, directed by Clay Whittington, that kept them glued to their seats during halftime while the guys huddled inside the field house to discuss second-half strategies.

While the football team practiced for long hours during the summer and early fall heat, band members experienced the same extreme conditions as they prepared for their part of Football 2002. Many times during this heat and humidity, they often thought, "Will practice ever end?" As always, they endured. Just as the guys were ready for gridiron action, the Marching Band was ready to take to mid-field and show the crowds their "stuff."

Former Bear Benji Stockton returned to campus to contribute his creative talents to the choreography and Earth, Wind, and Fire backdrops for each show. Under the field command of Drum Major Karinlee Brister, the band "pumped up" Bear spirit during the game and took to the field to keep the action going during halftime.

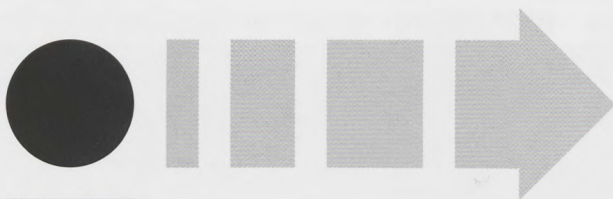
Dance Line

Brandy Knight, Melissa Carr, Amy Hamilton, Laurie Allen; standing: Sarah Graves, Kate Edmonds, Jeana Perkins, Raven Dunaway, Brandi Burris, Crystal Ferguson, Jen Goodwin, Mandi Ritchie,



Brass

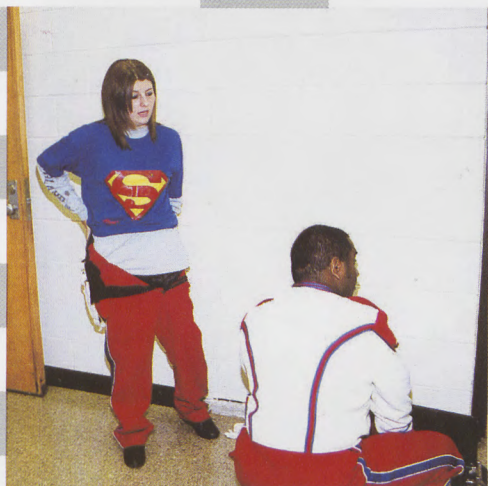
Chip Torgerson, Derek Burchfield, Robin Lea, Daniel Rankin, Jennifer Conerly, Becky McKenzie; row two: Monica Williams, Kristen Prentiss, Jade Brock, Veronica Williams; row three: Doniton McDowell, Michael Adams, Deandre Johnson, Brian Rodgers, Cedric McDowell, Ericka Redmond



Crew

Ashley Herrin, April Holloway, Jonathan Ryals
Neil Bullock, Eva Reeves, Stephen Lott, Ethel Melson, Jenna Brumfield

Band members like Jade Brock arrive early to dress and tune their instruments.



Essential Elements

In addition to an ear for music, the ability to play an instrument, the memorization of music, and good breathing techniques are essential elements as demonstrated by Chip Torgerson, Kristen Prentiss, and Derek Burchfield during Homecoming halftime.

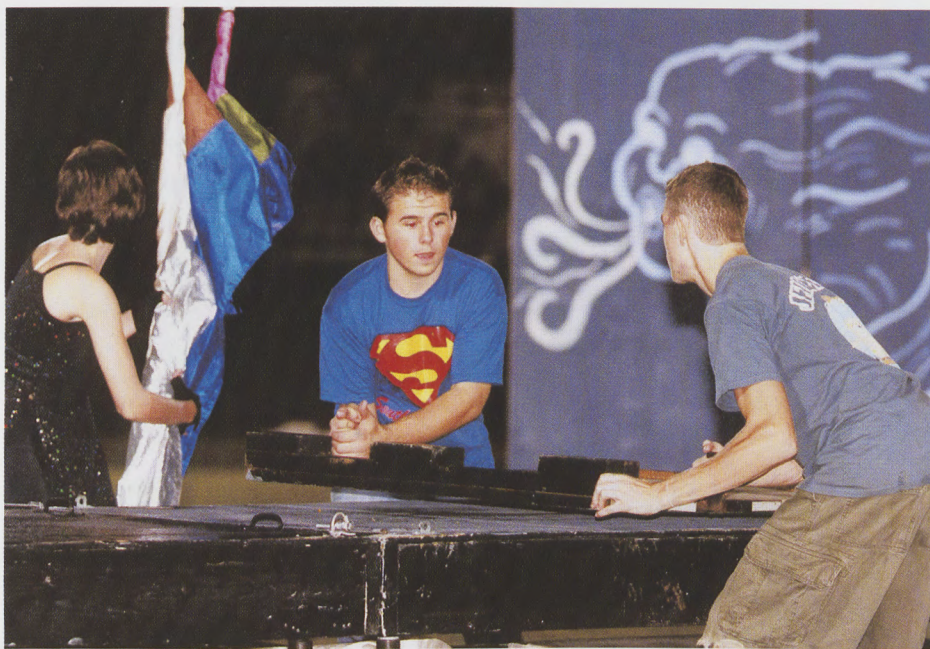
Although small in number, the band is powerful in sound.



At each performance the band performed the music of Earth, Wind, and Fire. Listeners heard the songs "Fantasy," "September," "Sing a Song," "Boogie Wonderland," "After the Love is Gone," "Let's Groove," "Shining Star," and "In the Stone." Soloists included Kristen Prentiss, Derek Burchfield, Chip Torgerson, Daniel Rankin, Tony Coney, and Becky McKenzie.

Although the football season came to an end on October 31, the playing season did not end for the Marching Band. It was not time to lay horns and drums aside because Christmas parades loomed ahead and many of these same performers moved to a new arena to perform, the auditorium, as they continued practicing for Christmas and Spring Stage Band Shows.

So, when did the practices end? The formal practices did end after the final Stage Band Show, but to a musician, the music never stopped flowing.



While Brandy Knight grabs her flags, Jonathan Ryals and Stephen Lott move the equipment into place. With little time to spare before and during performances, the crew's timing is essential to a smooth performance.

tudents hustle or move quickly across campus to get to class, lab, lunch, or their dorm. While these students may arrive on time, they score no points for their ability to hustle.

Athletes, on the other hand, must hustle if they are to score the points needed to defeat challengers on the many athletic battlegrounds. From extreme summer heat to winter frost, athletes ran sprints, exercised, lifted weights, executed plays, and hustled into position before a time clock penalized them.

When time counted and with points on the line, Bears hustled.

WATCH BEARS HUSTLE

William Lindley, William Evans, and Cody Stogner take their turn in batting practice.



Bear offensive linemen Johnny Ball and Jon Broussard hustle to protect the quarterback.

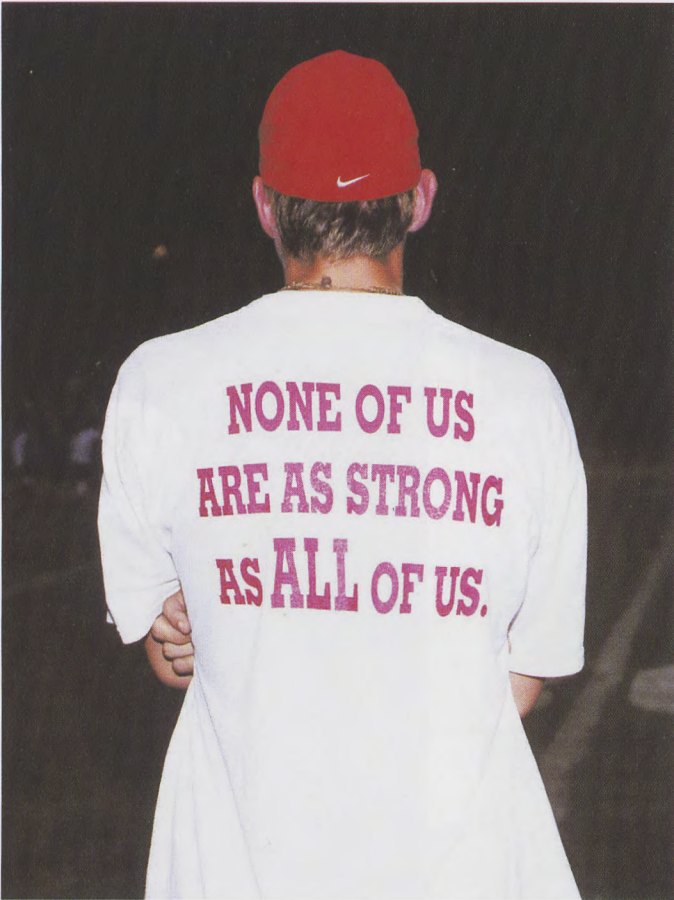


Gavin Bufkin returns the serve while Ashley Sziber looks for the open shot or the open "man."

ATHLETICS

With a flip of the coin, it was time for the games to begin.

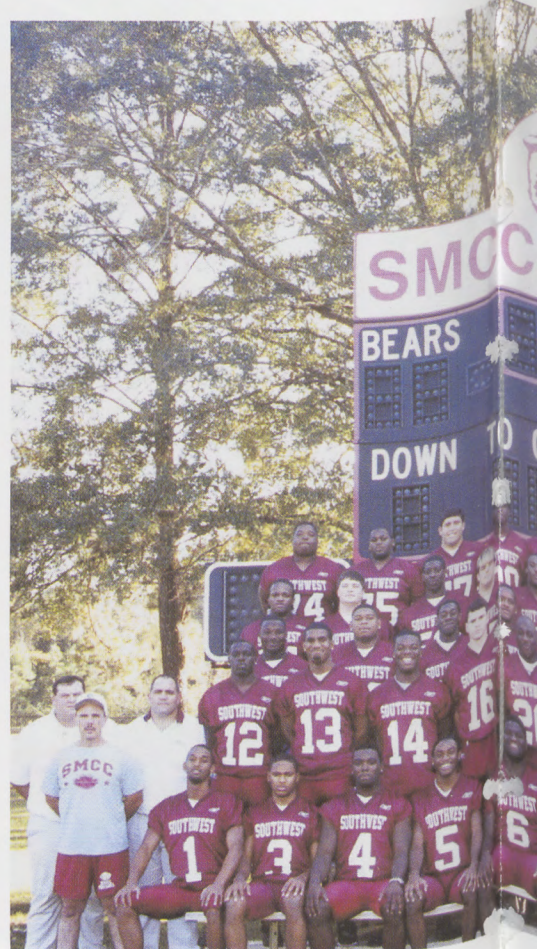
Any football teams knows that it must function as a team to win. Thus, the Bears' motto was one that stressed that point.

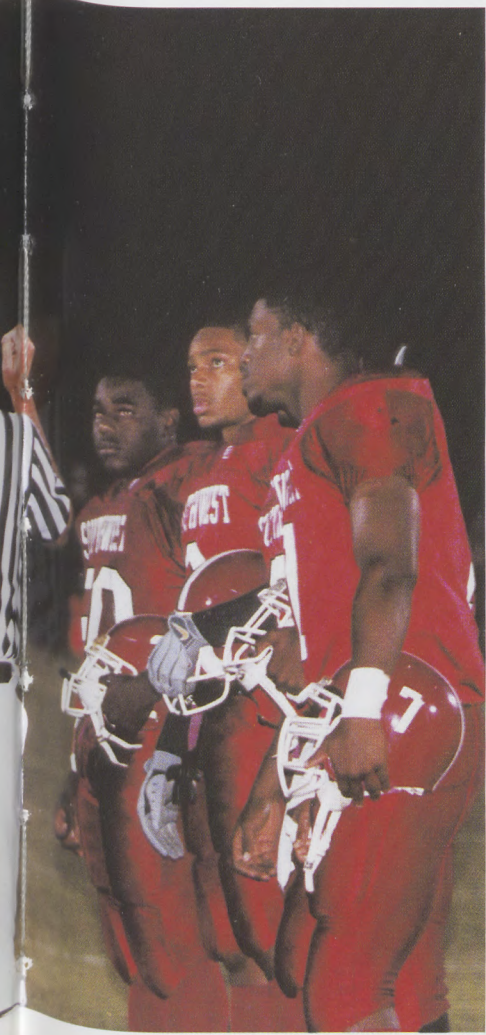


final tally

| | Us | Them |
|--------------|----|------|
| Coahoma | 36 | 0 |
| Holmes | 3 | 7 |
| Hinds | 14 | 17 |
| Northeast | 20 | 2 |
| Jones | 13 | 26 |
| Pearl River | 9 | 36 |
| Gulf Coast | 21 | 28 |
| Co-Lin | 10 | 16 |
| East Central | 20 | 13 |

... 3 wins, 6 loses ...





fierce challengers



Team — 2002

During the months from August until October, Bear fans took to the stands to cheer for their favorite college team — the Bears, of course. Defense had been the stronghold for the 2001 team and with many of the strength gone to Division 1 action, fans wondered if the newcomers could rise to the challenge.

In fact, Head Coach Dom Green wondered also if his extensive recruiting efforts were successful in replacing the Kelvin Morrisises, the Demarcus Johnsons, the Roy Williamses, and the Chad Mascoes of past. "I've told our team you'd better be ready to play when the lights come on," commented Green in an interview for the *Enterprise Journal (EJ)* in its annual special football section. "I feel good about the spirit of this team...They've got to feel good about themselves in order to win."

The Bears kicked off the 2002 football season on a winning note, defeating Coahoma 36-0 on the road in the season opener. Southwest running back Barry Crockett led all rushers with 81 yards on 13 carries and two touchdowns. The Southwest defense allowed Coahoma only two sustained drives, both coming in the second half, but stopped them short of scoring each time. The season was off to a good start, and many doubts about the offense and defense were subsiding.

The taste of victory soured as Southwest fell 7-3 to Holmes the following week. Their 3-0 halftime lead, thanks to Tim Wright's 22-yard field goal in the second quarter, failed to hold against the Bulldogs.

A victory escaped the Bears, falling 17-14, in its season opener on home turf against Hinds. Hinds jumped out to an early 10-0 lead, but the determined Bears would never stand for that. These fierce challengers trailed 17-14 with time remaining for one final score. Southwest quarterback Reggie Lindsey let loose a Hail Mary into the corner of the end zone. Fans stood and gasped as the pass went in and then out of a Bear receiver's hands as the game ended.

"It hurt deep inside to feel you won the game physically, but came up short on the scoreboard," Coach Green commented after the Hinds loss. "We had chances to win the ball game, but it was too little, too late."

After two back-to-back losses, you might think the team would give up, but not the Bears. They worked fiercely on the mistakes that had plagued the team as they geared up for Northeast, and geared up and ready to play they were.

Despite dropping their last two games, Southwest made a statement against unbeaten Northeast with a commanding 20-2 romp. In a defensive struggle, Southwest had three interceptions and five sacks, returning two interceptions for touchdowns. The Southwest kicking was also a key to the victory. Punter Tim Wright, the state's leading punter, averaged 42 yards per punt on seven attempts.

Entering the Jones game the following week fresh off a decisive victory, the Bears for the fifth straight week would face an unbeaten team, but as far as Coach Green was concerned, the Bears were unbeaten as well.

"I still feel we haven't lost a game. Nobody has whipped us physically. Mistakes are why we're 2-2," Coach Green said.

Determination described this Bear organization, and with the Jones Bobcats coming up next, these fierce Bear challengers were ready for action.



Defensive Line, Linebackers

Damien Huren, Thomas Jackson, Mandrel Hill; row 2: Keith McClain, Trae Robertson, Joe Miller, Troy Brumfield, Rudi Johnson; row 3: Coach Doug Lucas, Corey Groover, Ken Haynes, Robin Gamble, Markett Thompson



Offensive Line

Coach Dom Green, Johnny Ball, Cody Stogner, Brad Delaughter, Robert Walker, Coach Paul Dancisin; row 2: Randy Jackson, Mitchell Prine, Jon Broussard, Irvin Brisker; row 3: Derrick Wansley, Clay Brecheen, Taylor Henry, Nic Patrick

Bear football



With the football protected, sophomore defensive back Aaron Briggs picks up some needed yards for the Bears during their homecoming game. Unfortunately, the Bears came up short, losing against Gulf Coast 28-21.

While the defense is on the field, it is time for the offense to access their positions and options before returning to the field. During a break from their action, Brad Delaughter discussed these options with fellow offensive linemen.



Defensive Backs

Reggie Davis, Cedric Cain, Marcus Barnes; row 2: Kevin Dorsey, Aaron Briggs, Ronnie Wesby, Que Hill; row 3: Jason Clements, Birk McGee, Jonathan Brumfield, Brandon Wagner, Coach Kenny Miller



SMCC Coaches

Doug Lucas, *Defensive Coordinator*, Kenny Miller, *Defensive Backs*, Dom Green, *Head Coach/Offensive Line*, Jim Gilstrap, *Offensive Coordinator*, Paul Dancisin, *Offensive Line*



Quarterbacks, Running Backs, Wide Receivers

Pedro Holliday, Ramly Carey, Reggie Lindsey, Brandon Wagner, Coach Jim Gilstrap; row 2: Leonard Brumfield, Jell Stokes, Sane Reddix, Dencen Clay, Tyrus Owens; row 3: John Lowery, Robertson Hatten, Darius Dawson, John Garvin



Kicker/Punter

Tim Wright, Coach Dom Green



Unfortunately, Jones, ranked No. 3 nationally, doubled Southwest's 13 points, winning 26-13 in Jones' homecoming game. The Bears came out to an early 6-0 lead with 4:36 left in the first quarter, but were unable to hold this intensity the entire game. Their remaining points came with 11 seconds left in the third quarter when Tim Wright's conversion made it 26-13. Wright punted seven times against the Bobcats for a 45-yard average, including punts of 78 and 60 yards.

With four games remaining in the season, Southwest went back to the drawing board in search of ways to turn the tide. However, the tide didn't turn as the Bears dropped the games against Pearl River, Gulf Coast, and Co-Lin, often in the final seconds of play, but the Bears remained determined to the bitter end of each challenge.

And each time, determination was not enough as the last minutes of play produced wins for the opponents.

With the score tied at 10-10 and 8 seconds remaining on the clock against archrival Co-Lin, the Bears were in place to block an attempted 25-yard field goal. The snap to Wolves holder Billy Williams was low, so Williams found his way into the end zone for a touchdown on the final play of the game.

"I really do feel like we're snakebit," commented Coach Dom Green to the *EJ*. "There's those games against Hinds and Holmes. We could write a book on how snakebit we are. The kids fought hard and gave a great effort. I know they're tired coming up short at the very end. I'm tired of it."

Obviously they were tired of being the loser as the Bears rebounded in the final game of the season by defeating East Central 20-13, knocking the Warriors out of the playoffs and ending some frustration the Bears might have had after losing the previous four games on final drives.

"This was a great way to end the season. To win it in the fourth quarter like we did made it even sweeter. We did what it took to win, finally," responded Coach Green.

During its history, the Bear organization has seen successful and not so successful seasons, yet the players have always remained determined to give it their all in each competition. This year was no different. They were fierce challengers to the bitter end.

Now with the season concluded and final tallies completed, the 2002 season was not the most successful one in Bear history, but the players considered themselves winners. Why? No scores can record the friendships, the camaraderie, or the memories these Bears took with them from the playing fields of Southwest.

Source: *Enterprise Journal* publications



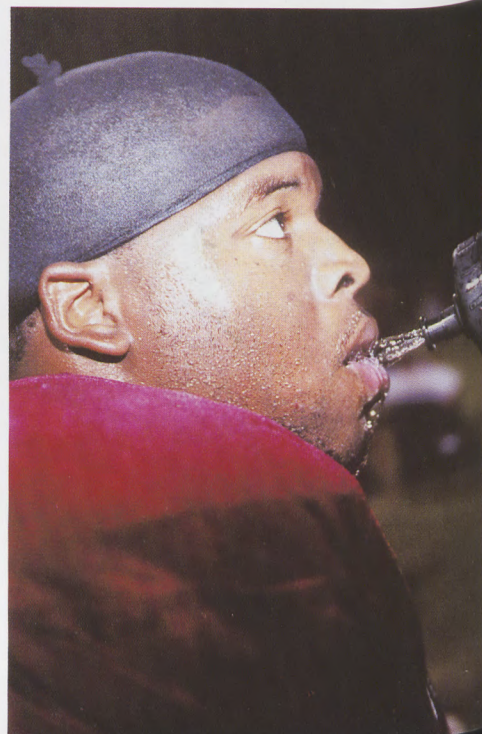
Coaches Dom Green and Kenny Miller turn from sideline instructions to check field action.

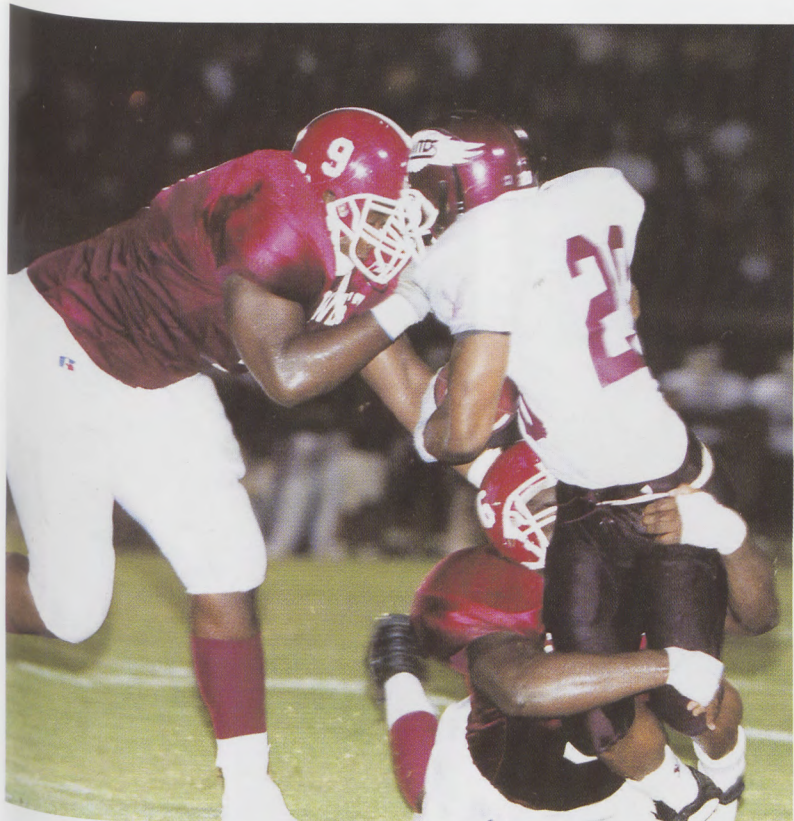
What cheerleaders work hours to design and paint, the Bears rip through in seconds.



Sane Reddix sees nothing but open field ahead.

A break from play means time for water and reflection. Thomas Jackson took advantage of his time by refueling his body and replenishing his spirits.





Hinds' Mason Denham may have the ball, but he won't make much progress with the Bears around. Ken Haynes and Corey Groover see to that.

Que Hill and Reggie Davis get their man.



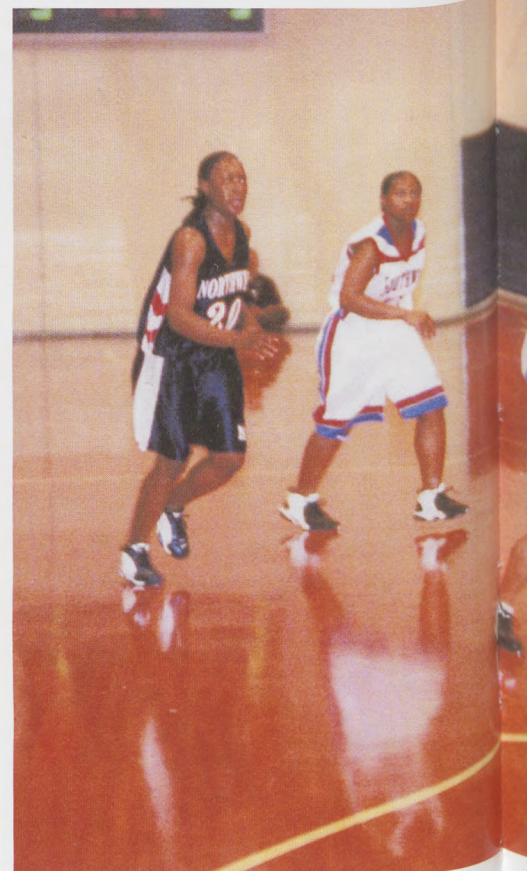
Getting Bear protection, Brandon Wagner scrambles to gain yardage.



At 6'7", freshman forward Nic Gamble towers above the opponent and nabs the beginning advantage for the Bears.

Men's coach Bill Wallace receives extra support and assistance from Carr Young and Jason Kennedy. By the time Carr, son of Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Young, is old enough to play for the Bears, he will know all the strategies.

Sophomore guard Tramiecia Williams brings the ball upcourt and into play for the Lady Bears.





Speed basket stuffers



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ith a whistle blown and a tip off, the 2002-2003 basketball action began at Mary Holmes College on Saturday, November 2, 2002, and not before the Bears were ready. After weeks of practicing and conditioning, the Bears hit the hardwoods in search of that first win, which came 93-86. Willie Depron, the lone starter from the winning 2001-2002 season, joined other sophomores Josh Matthews and Nic Wilson as they welcomed newcomers Nic Gamble, Marcus Elliott, B. J. Griffith, and Toby Coleman.

Off to a winning start, the Bears dropped the next three games by a total of only eleven points. "When you've got so many freshmen as we do, you've got to pick your bumps and bruises. You've got to have some growing pains," commented Bears Coach Bill Wallace to the *EJ*.

And grew they did, but not without many bumps, bruises, and losses along the way before Christmas break. With an 8-3 record at mid-point, Bear fans hoped the Christmas break and time with family and friends would "season" the Bear team.

Whether time off or stuffed turkeys helped, no one knows, but what fans do know is that the Bears returned to the courts after Christmas stuffing the baskets. In their January 16 game and 83-61 win against Gulf Coast, the Southwest men shot 60% from the field, 17-of-20 from the free throw line, and 6-of-10 from beyond the 3-point line.

Coach Wallace commented, "We have been working on a lot of shooting every day. This is the most I've ever worked. We weren't making shots in previous games."

The extra work paid off for the Bears as the drive continued the next week with a 78-67 win over 4-0 Jones and a nail-biting 71-68 win over archrival Co-Lin. Sophomore guard Willie Depron's 3-pointer from the right side with 0.03 seconds left in regulation lifted the Bears to this dramatic win over the Wolves. With a tied 68-68 score and 4.9 seconds left in regulation play, Wallace called time to regroup the team. Josh Matthews inbounded to Marcus Elliott who dribbled in to draw a foul. Cut off and unable to complete his mission, he dished off to Depron, who swished the game-winner.

As far as fans were concerned, the season ended that night. Nothing was sweeter to them than a Bear defeating a Wolf, yet a rematch remained on February 17 and several season games remained before state tournament.

Whatever the outcome of these final games, Bear fans have seen a season in which Bears used their speed and agility to stuff baskets in practice and in which Bears continued to stuff baskets in action when it really counted.

Source: *Enterprise Journal* for quotes, scores, and statistics

The Bears

B. J. Griffith
Picayune, MS

Nic Gamble
Dexter, MS

Damein Gaston
Amite, LA

Toby Coleman
Mt. Hermon, LA

Marcus Elliott
Fort Walton Beach, FL

Josh Matthews
Tylertown, MS

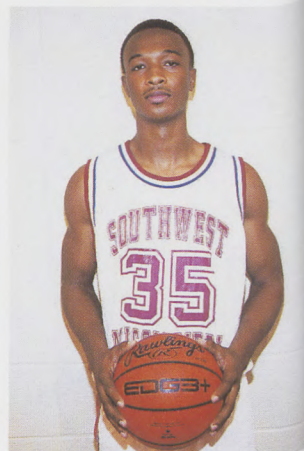
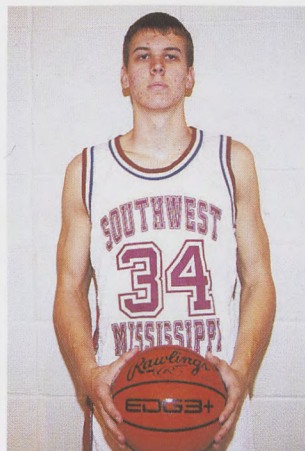
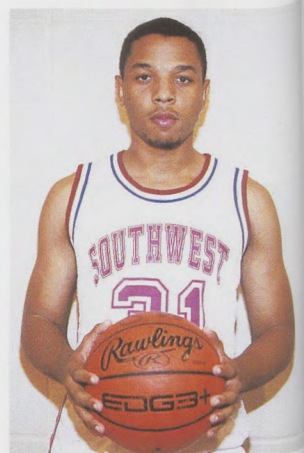
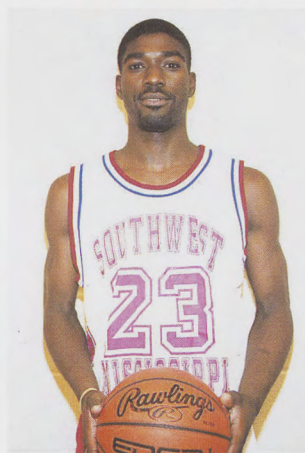
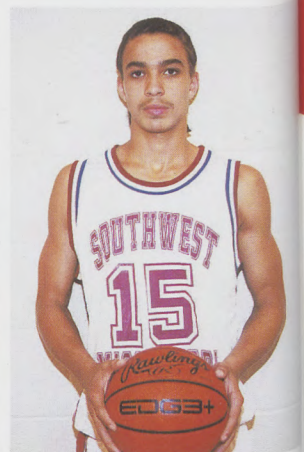
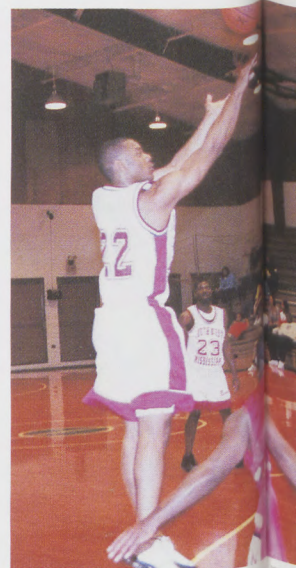
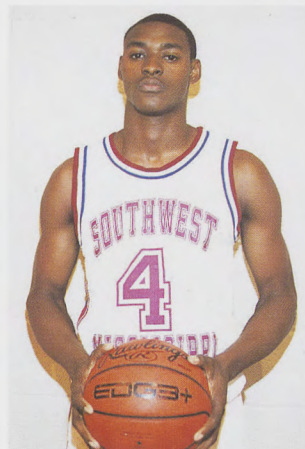
Willie Depron
White Castle, LA

Jimmy Smith
Mendenhall, LA

Nic Wilson
Summit, MS

Travis Ball
Picayune, MS

Chris Magee
Amite, LA





Sophomore guard Josh Matthews takes advantage of the open shot.

Freshman guard Marcus Elliott may be from Fort Walton Beach, Florida, but he shows the Mississippi crowd that he can handle more than a beach ball.

Basket Totals

Southwest Bears

Opponents

| | | |
|------------------|-----|----|
| Mary Holmes | 93 | 86 |
| Faulkner | 73 | 78 |
| East Mississippi | 66 | 73 |
| Northwest | 83 | 96 |
| Mary Holmes | 102 | 78 |
| Holmes | 73 | 90 |
| Delta | 82 | 77 |
| Delgado | 75 | 79 |
| Holmes | 69 | 74 |
| Hinds | 77 | 80 |
| Pearl River | 75 | 77 |
| Delgado | 87 | 81 |
| Northwest | 66 | 93 |
| East Central | 71 | 67 |
| Gulf Coast | 83 | 61 |
| Jones | 78 | 67 |
| Co-Lin | 71 | 68 |
| Meridian | 70 | 64 |
| Hinds | 72 | 80 |
| Pearl River | 50 | 54 |
| East Central | 73 | 72 |
| Gulf Coast | 47 | 49 |

The Lady Bears

Nakeya Downing
Amite, LA

Tramiecia Williams
Jackson, LA

Ashley Sziber
Springfield, LA



Sabrina Ard
Summit, MS

Tara Abdul-Hadi
St. Francisville, LA

Laura McDaniel
Centreville, FL



Dawanna Addison
Magnolia, MS

Kim Leonard
St. Francisville, LA

Mikela Martin
Hammond, LA



After seeing State action last season, the Lady Bears began their season with high hopes of returning to state and regional play this season, and with a commanding 113-39 romp over Mary Holmes College in their season-opener, the Lady Bears looked prepared

for the challenges of a new season.

Returning sophomores Nakeya Downing, Tramiecia Williams, Sabrina Ard, Tara Abdul-Hadi, and Mikela Martin welcomed newcomers Ashley Sziber, Laura McDaniel, Dawanna Addison, and Kim Leonard.

The trail down victory lane continued until November 26 when

Delgado dropped the Lady Bears 72-60, making the Lady Bears 6-1. Sophomore forward Nakeya Downing's 25 points, 16 rebound, 4 steals, and 4 blocked shots paced the Lady Bears, yet they still fell short of the win.

The Lady Bears alternated wins and losses the remaining games before Christmas break. As they packed up for

home and some much needed rest and relaxation, these Lady Bears carried a 7-3 record with them.

The winning streak continued as the Lady Bears returned to the courts after spending time with friends and family during Christmas break and brought home five consecutive wins, including a 76-69 squeaker past Jones in overtime.

The Lady Bears led 35-33 at halftime and were 60-60 at the end of regulation play, thanks to Nakeya Downing's layup with 41.4 seconds remaining.

In overtime, Lady Bear sophomore

point guard Tramiecia Williams took over and scored 8 of the Lady Bears' 16 overtime points. Williams' driving 5-footer from the right baseline and her two free throws gave the Lady Bears a 70-65 lead with 2:11 left in overtime. At 1:35, Tara Abdul-Hadi hit a trey from the left side, followed by Williams' 12-foot basket with 24 seconds left.

With unbeaten Co-Lin entering Horace C. Holmes Gymnasium ranked fourth in the nation two days later, the Lady Bears, nationally ranked twenty-third, had little time to bask in the glow of victory. Unfortunately, it was dejavu,

as the Lady Wolves left Summit still undefeated. Co-Lin had defeated Southwest in three of four meetings last season and in the State and Region XXIII championship games.

The Lady Bears rebounded by winning the next three of four games as they edged closer to a possible return to the State arena.

After years of stuffing baskets on high school courts, these Lady Bears continued to stuff baskets at the collegiate level in front of new fans and new supporters.

Southwest Lady Bears

Opponents

| | | |
|------------------|---------|----|
| Mary Holmes | 113 | 39 |
| East Mississippi | 72 | 67 |
| Northwest | 58 | 53 |
| Mary Holmes | 99 | 36 |
| Holmes | 76 | 54 |
| Delta | 77 | 68 |
| Delgado | 60 | 72 |
| Holmes | 70 | 73 |
| Hinds | 77 | 70 |
| Pearl River | 71 | 90 |
| Delgado | 73 | 63 |
| Northwest | 66 | 64 |
| East Central | 71 | 64 |
| Gulf Coast | 83 | 73 |
| Jones | 76 (OT) | 69 |
| Co-Lin | 60 | 76 |
| Meridian | 56 | 75 |
| Hinds | 80 | 55 |
| Pearl River | 68 | 64 |
| East Central | 81 | 75 |
| Gulf Coast | 89 (OT) | 81 |

Basket Totals

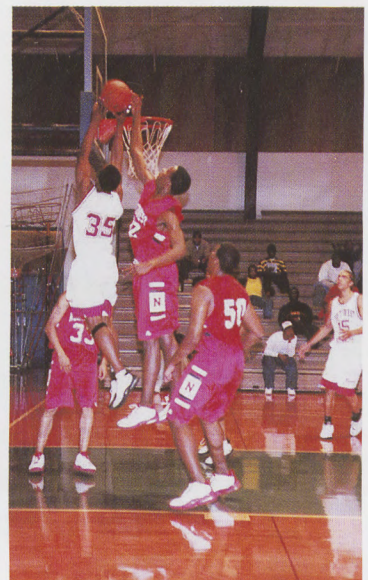
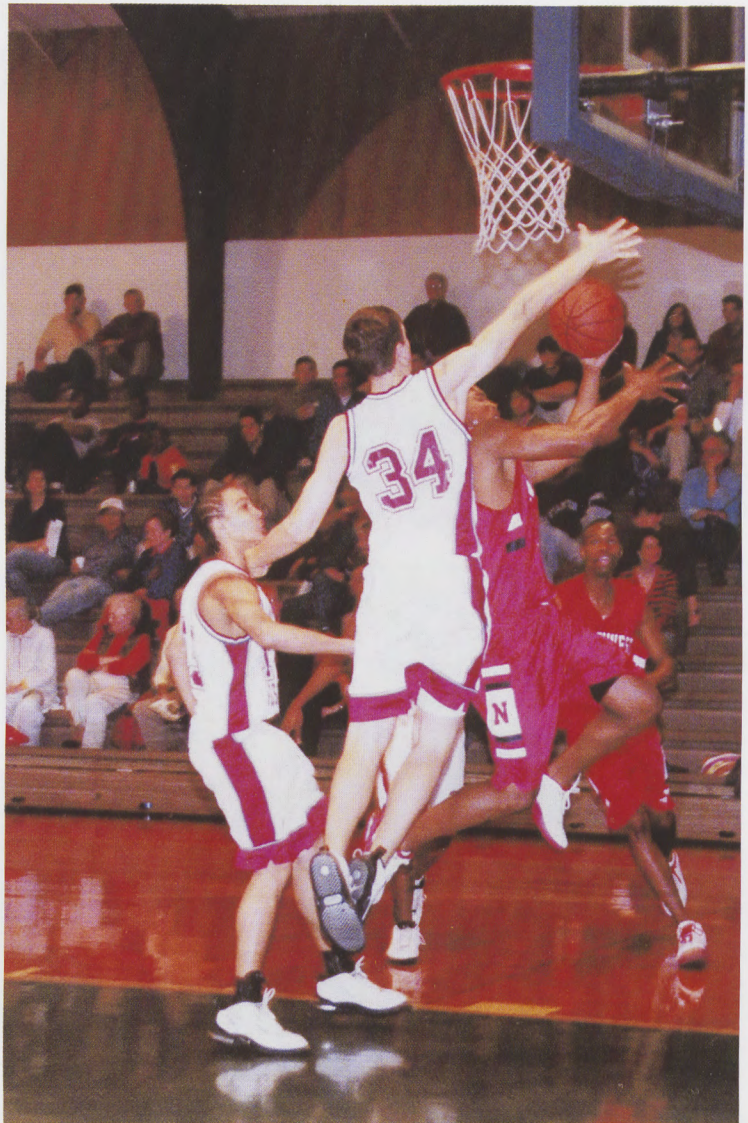
With a slim four point lead, sophomore forward Nakeya Downing puts one in the basket for the Lady Bears. The Lady Bears narrowly won 66-64 against Northwest, and Nakeya contributed 10 points to the Bears score.

As a basketball player, it is important to know the location and position of all players at all times. Tara Abdul-Hadi searches for her teammates.

Nothing is sweeter than victory. With a quick congratulations from Coach Mark Swindle and a team prayer, all attention turns to the next matchup.



Scoring is the name of the game, and to score you must shoot. Nic Gamble and Willie Depron put 'em up for the Bears.



Toby Coleman and Chris Magee take their chances at the goal.

Not only must you score, but you must also prevent your opponent from scoring as well. Travis Ball does his part to prevent advancing points.

Infield

John Birdsong, Justin Chiasson, JT Hall, Marshall Varnado,
Brent Barrois, Cody Stogner



Outfield

William Evans, Justin Foster, Aaron Arteaga, Michael
Clements, Hoyt McNabb, Mario Russ



Pitchers

Danny Sanders, Michael Dumiller, Matt Basye, Lucien Weber, Jonathan
Honea, Kevin Townsend, John Birdsong, Derrick Louque

Catchers

William Lindley, Jarrett England, Cody Stogner

2003 Spring Baseball Schedule

February

8 Itawamba
9 Itawamba
15 East Central
18 Hinds
22 LSU - Eunice
26 MS Delta

March

4 Hinds
12 Kishwaukee
17 East Central
19 LSU - Eunice
20 MS Delta
25 Co-Lin
29 Pearl River

April

2 Gulf Coast
5 Northwest
8 Jones
12 Co-Lin
15 Pearl River
18 Gulf Coast
26 Jones

After months of patience and conditioning, the teams of summer took to the playing fields across campus to begin preparation for upcoming competitions. From the tennis courts to the softball and baseball fields to Lakeview Country Club for golfers, warmer weather brought spring swingers into action.

The men's baseball team practiced adjacent to the tennis courts, yet work on the field began long before their first game. Members of the baseball team played double duty as they assisted in field preparation and maintenance.

Rules and weather prevented the Bears baseball team from practicing too early, so they used those days before daily practice in pre-season conditioning. With eleven returning sophomores to welcome ten incoming freshmen, these sophomores knew the drills, but when time came to "hit" the fields, they were all ready for the challenge.

A fall season afforded Coach Butch Holmes the chance to view his pitchers in action, while Head Coach Larry Holmes examined the entire Bear baseball organization in order to make necessary adjustments before the spring season began in earnest on February 8. During this fall season, the Bears lost two games to Hinds and split two with Jones. Learning from their mistakes, the Bears were amply prepared for the new season.

Each fall, top sophomore players participate in the regional JUCO showcase to demonstrate their talents for scouts and four year institutions. Seven sophomores represented Southwest - Jonathan Honea, Derrick Louque, Michael Dumiller, Justin Chiasson, Marshall Varnado, Aaron Arteaga, and Michael Clements. With that much talent and leadership, no wonder the Bears were the team to fear when they hit the grass in spring.

However, the baseball diamond was not the only field on campus seeing action after Christmas break.

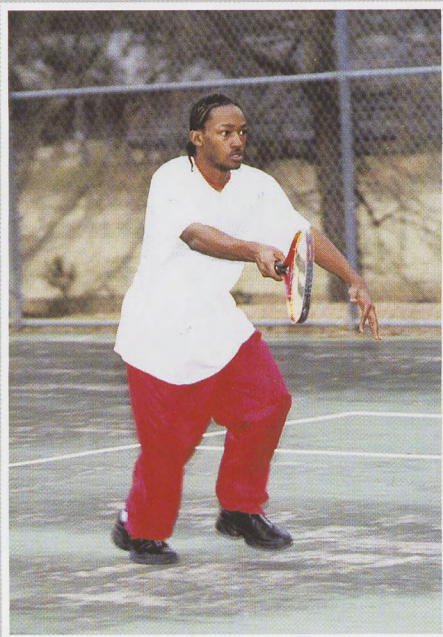


2003 Bears Baseball Team

Cody Stogner, Matt Basye, Michael Clements, Brent Barrois, Justin Foster, JT Hall, Jonathan Honea, John Birdsong, Mario Russ, Jarrett England; standing, Danny Sanders, Justin Chiasson, Derrick Louque, Kevin Townsend, William Evans, Marshall Varnado, Aaron Arteaga, Michael Dumiller, Hoyt McNabb, Lucien Weber, William Lindley

2003 Fastpitch Softball Team

Carrie Alford, Kallie Ashford, Kelly Cummings, Crystal Travis, Sonia Freeman, Lila Boudouin; standing, Coach Brad Gunnell, Julie Hutson, Tiffany Ford, Carrie McMinn, Emily Smith, Christy Day, Crystal Lopinto, Lindsey Carpenter, assistant Laura Graves, Kelly Rhodus, assistant Wendell Thomas



Jacob Brumfield prepares to serve as Santrell Smith readies to return. These guys were just two members of the tennis team who patiently waited for spring's arrival.



Catchers and Pitchers

Kelly Cummings, catcher
standing: Lindsey Carpenter, pitcher
Kelly Rhodus, pitcher
Crystal Lopinto, catcher and pitcher



Infield

Lindsey Carpenter, Crystal Lopinto, Kallie Ashford, Tiffany Ford,
Kelly Rhodus, Crystal Travis, Kelly Cummings



Outfield

Lila Baudouin, Julie Hutson, Christy Day, Carrie Alford,
Carrie McMinn, Emily Smith, Sonia Freeman

The tennis courts became alive with afternoon practices. Having no women's team this year, the men's team dominated practice time, as Coach Mark Swindle divided his time between women's basketball and men's tennis. Having played the sport for years, these veterans needed little assistance. When the time for matches arrived, tennis swingers were ready to swing to win.

Across campus, the fastpitch softball field bustled with activity as well. Student Coach Brad Gunnell, assisted by Laura Graves and Wendell Thomas, met returning sophomores and welcomed freshmen as they hit, caught, threw, and, of course, ran in a collegiate sport. The ladies sported new uniforms, and the field sported a new scoreboard.

And, in late February Coach Paul Dancisin organized the golf team, which tees off at Lakeview Country Club on the outskirts of Summit.

With football and basketball played in the fall and/or winter, fans may think these two seasons are the busy time for Bear action, but when spring arrives each year, Bears swing into action outdoors.



Student Coach and Assistants

Brad Gunnell, coach; Wendell Thomas and Laura Graves, assistants

2003 SPRING FASTPITCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

March

| | |
|----|--------------|
| 18 | Gulf Coast |
| 20 | East Central |
| 24 | Pearl River |
| 26 | Jones |
| 28 | Northeast |

April

| | |
|----|--------------|
| 1 | Co-Lin |
| 2 | East Central |
| 5 | Gulf Coast |
| 12 | Pearl River |
| 14 | Jones |
| 16 | Co-Lin |

Megan Seay, Heather Harden, Karen Harris, Kim Conerly, and Kasie Smith have what it takes to get the spirit going.

Freshman cheerleader Karen Harris seems surprised at the referee's call.



Shannon Bean
Co-Captain



Kim Conerly



Brooke Harden



Heather Harden



Shanda Martin



Grace McDaniel



Megan Seay
Captain



Endurance

Sideline warriors

During the months from August until April, the sidelines were as action-packed as the courts and the playing fields themselves. After months of training, learning cheers, and attending camp, cheerleaders took to the sporting arenas to support their Bears.

They motivated players to make the plays and motivated fans to voice their support. With scores in our favor, the task was easy, but when the pendulum swung against us, the task was anything but easy.

Their moves in unison and their enthusiasm made their duties seem simple, but endurance was the name of the game. The year began with daily practice and drills to condition the body and mind for the upcoming seasons of football and basketball. They juggled study time and class assignments with practice, creating signs, and games.

Traveling from north Mississippi to the Gulf Coast for games created many late nights, often followed by early morning classes. Cheering in ponchos to stay dry or warm-up suits to stay warm challenged jumps and movement, but they endured.

Although some may view their job as "sideline warriors" as one of endurance, these cheerleaders viewed it as one of enjoyment. After cheering for years at high school games and pep rallies, cheering at college games was a dream come true. Since many of the area's high school players contributed their talents to Southwest sports, these nine cheerleaders often cheered for their high school hero while they cheered for new and rising stars as well.

Whatever the motivation to become a Southwest cheerleader, the road was one of endurance as these sideline warriors became involved in each battle, each competition, if only from the sidelines.



Karen Harris



Kasie Smith



2002 SMCC Cheerleaders

Without people, there would be no Southwest; without students, there would be no purpose for Southwest.

Students by far are the most important part of Southwest, and it is for the students that every building has been built, every program initiated, and every budget established. Southwest is in the business of providing people in this district with a very affordable education comparable to those found in four-year institutions.

Thus, Southwest opened her arms to a diversity of people who brought their dreams, desires, talents, interests, and views with them.

In the next few pages, watch the students who grew during their days as Bears.

WATCH STUDENTS GROW

Sophomores Aaron Putnam and Bryce Crawford prove that you can walk, talk, and read at the same time.

Can't think of anything to write about?



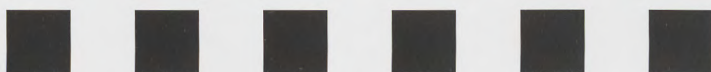
Students in Dawn Brumfield's Comp I classes had no problem describing Bear Lake and its surroundings.



Candacie LeCrone chats with friends between classes while Rodrick McGee and Sharrone Lewis prefer to talk face to face.

PEOPLE

HOLMES EARNS MOMENT IN TIME



Mention the name Southwest and you automatically think of President Horace C. Holmes. Why? For many, Southwest Mississippi Community College and Horace C. Holmes are synonymous, and understandably so.

Under his leadership, Southwest has become a respected member of the community college system and a leader of continuing education in this area. This year, President Holmes celebrated fifty-five years in education, serving fifty of them at Southwest where he has influenced the lives of thousands. For his many contributions and his fifty years of service, Southwest paid tribute to President Holmes on October 18, 2002. It was his moment in time.

Holmes began his service to Southwest in 1953 when then President H. T. Huddleston lured Holmes from Loyd Star to coach boys' basketball and

teach psychology at Southwest. Although he initially planned to stay only one year, Holmes fell in love with Southwest and remained.

He became the dean of men in 1955 while continuing his teaching responsibilities. Then, in 1957, he became assistant to the president without relinquishing any of his other duties. By 1962, Holmes was dean of instruction, a role he continued until July 1, 1972, when he assumed the presidency of Southwest.

After assuming the helm, Holmes wasted no time in transforming the campus. Thirty years ago, instructors' salaries at Southwest were the lowest of all two-year college salaries; now they rank in the top five. Southwest boasts the only program in the United States in rotary drilling and equipment relative to drilling for water, petroleum, or

ecological concerns. In recent years its athletic teams have received both state recognition and national rankings. For citizens in this area, Southwest's Stage Band shows at Christmas and in the spring place Southwest in the forefront.

During his tenure the campus grew physically as buildings birthed around the lake, budgets increased to meet its growing pains, and faculty expanded to reach the new Bears.

And yet, with all of the changes President Holmes has seen and instrumented since assuming presidency, one aspect has never changed since 1953 — his love for Southwest. The same love for Southwest and its students that kept him here after that first year still walks with him daily as he travels through the majestic pines of this small, proud institution.



President Holmes jots down comments he wishes to make to the audience at the Horace C. Holmes Celebration program.



President Holmes graciously accepts a plaque from Dr. Randall Bradberry, representing Dr. Wayne Stonocypher, Executive Director of the State Board for Junior/Community Colleges. This plaque was one of many President Holmes received that night.



After listening to others pay tribute to him throughout the evening, it is now President Holmes' turn to pay tribute to those who have greatly influenced his life.

PRESIDENT HORACE C. HOLMES



President Horace C. Holmes



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DALTON WILLIAMS
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DAVID CRAWFORD
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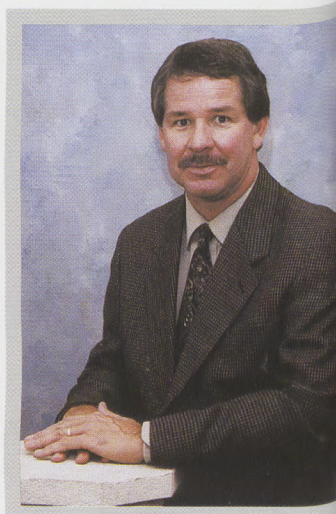


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At monthly board meetings, members chart the course for Southwest's continued growth and prosperity.

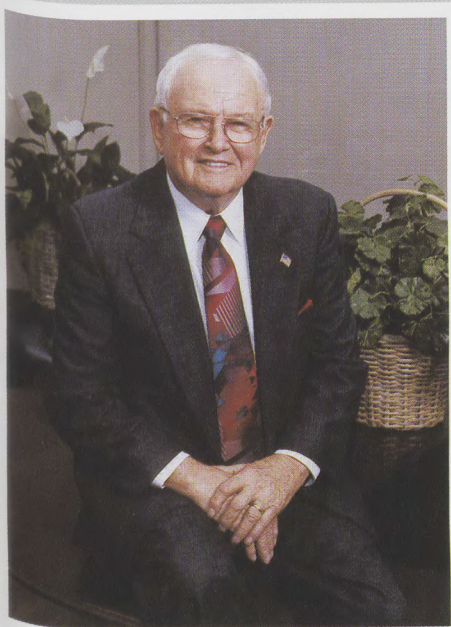
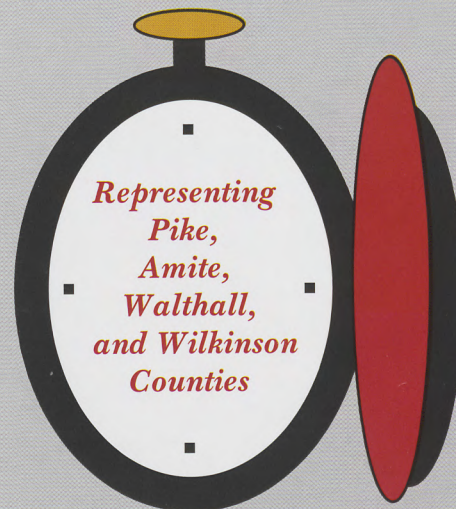


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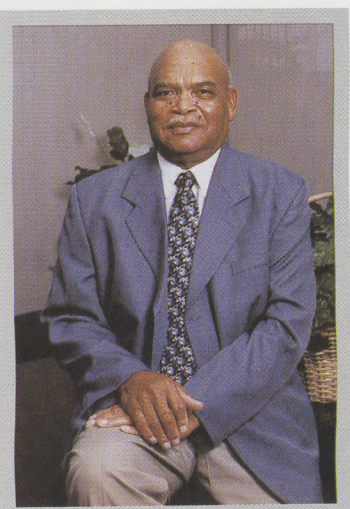
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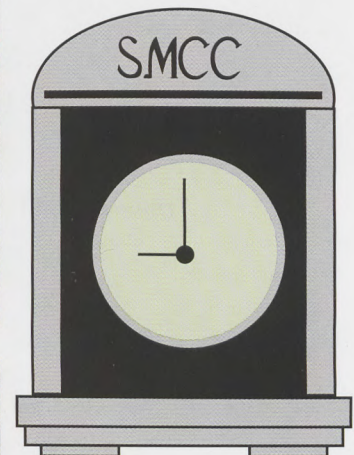


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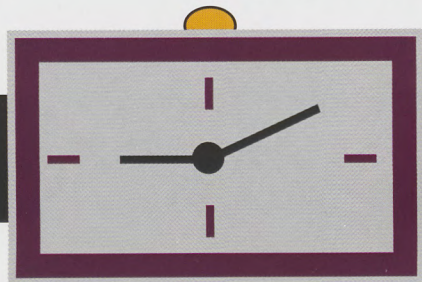
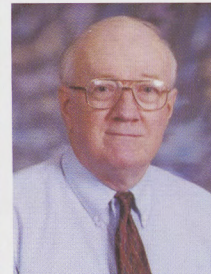
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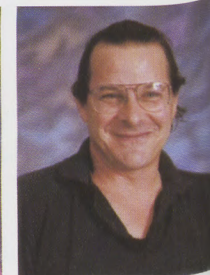
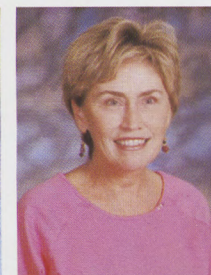
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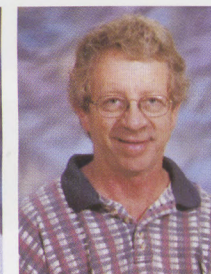
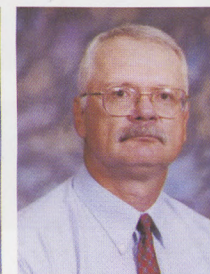
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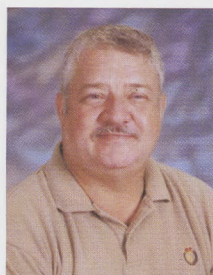
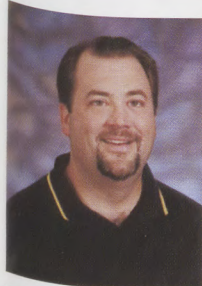
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Timing is everything when you are in charge of a project as large and as important as the program honoring President Holmes. As emcee, Dr. Steve Bishop, speech instructor, kept a careful watch on the time to ensure that each speaker had an opportunity to express his/her appreciation to President Holmes and to ensure that the program ran smoothly.

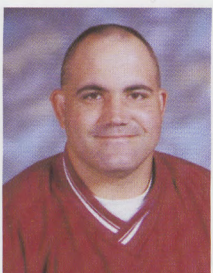
Therefore, he checks his notes while faculty colleague Dr. Jerry Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church in Summit, Mississippi, waits his turn to deliver the benediction.



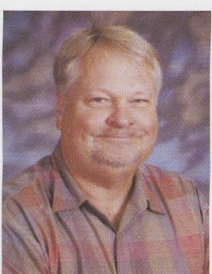
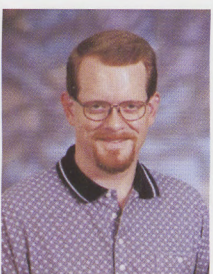
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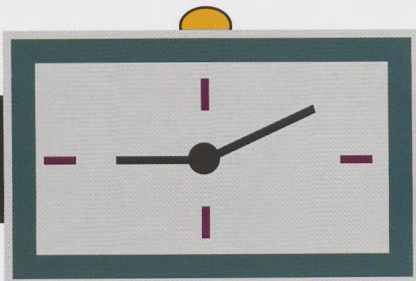


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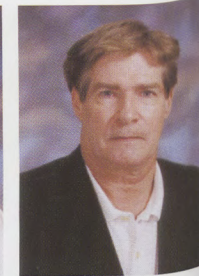
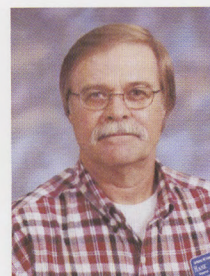


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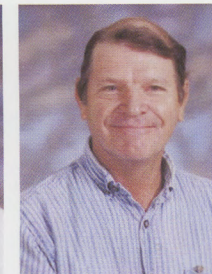


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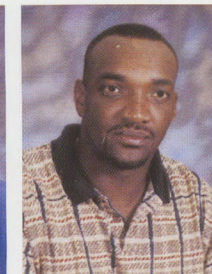
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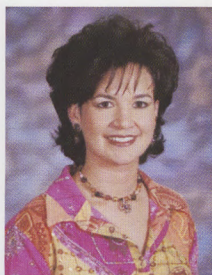


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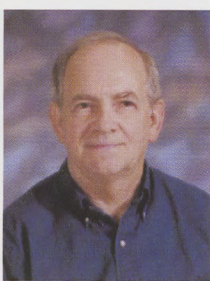


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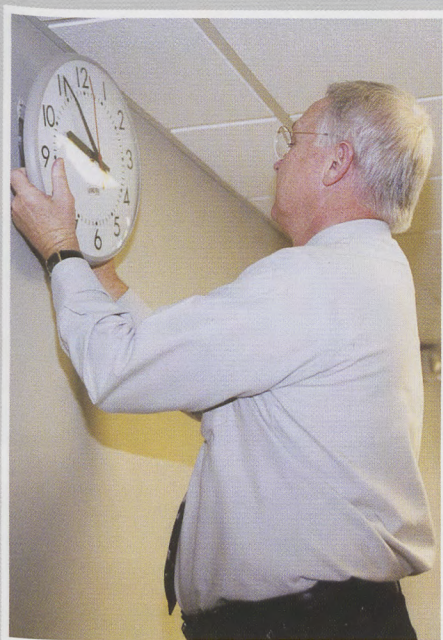




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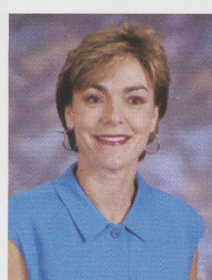
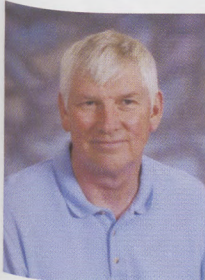


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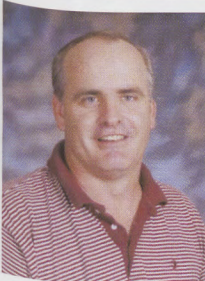


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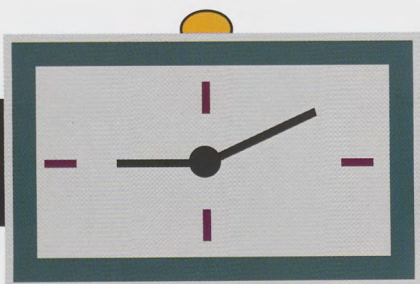
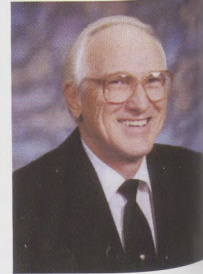


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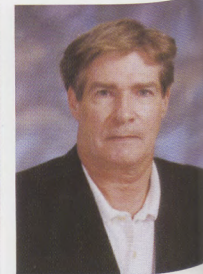
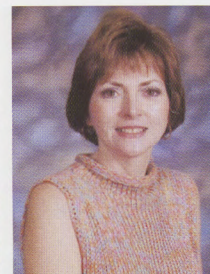
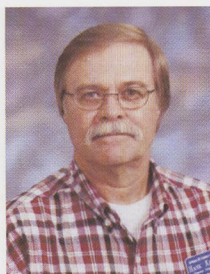


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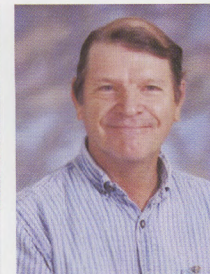


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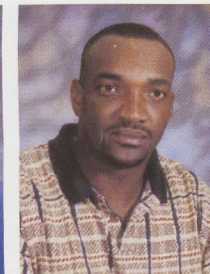
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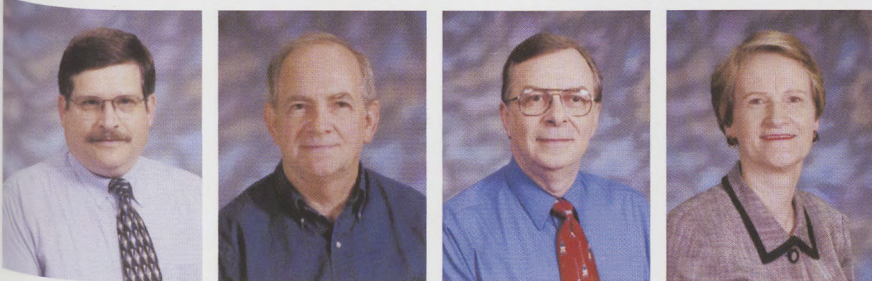


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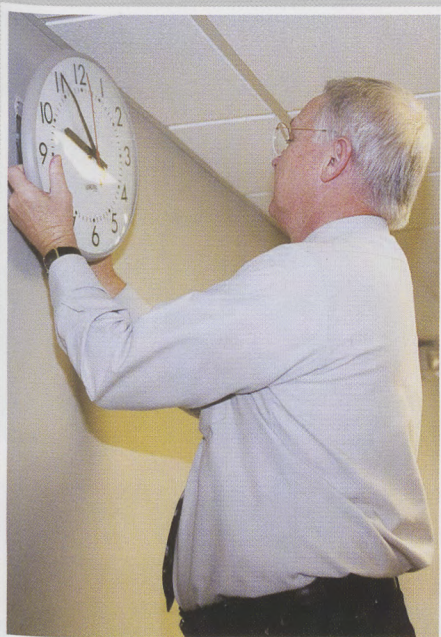




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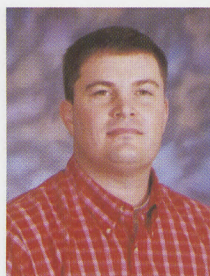


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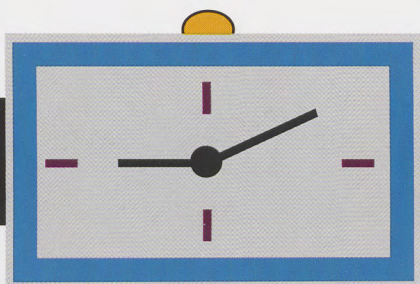


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Yolanda Young
GED Instructor, English



From time to time, instructors give of their time to speak at different organizations. Dixie Stokes, director of the Child Care Technology program, spoke to the Exchange Club during one of its noon meetings.



Outstanding Instructor and Student



Chosen by faculty, Ramona Young and son, Zachary Young, were the latest recipients of H E A D W A E honors. The 16th annual Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) is a program that honors an outstanding faculty member and an outstanding student from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges.

Ramona Young, a graduate of Southwest Mississippi Community College, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and the University of Southern Mississippi,

has been employed at Southwest for twenty-two years. As an ADN instructor, Ramona remains active in various professional organizations, including the Mississippi Faculty Association of Community and Junior Colleges, of which she is Southwest's representative. In 2002, she presented at the 6th annual Creating Futures Through Technology Conference.

Married to Joe B. Young, Ramona resides in Pike County with her husband and sons, Taylor, Zachary, and Mitchell.

Son of Joe and Ramona Young, Zachary Young is a North Pike High School graduate, where he was Valedictorian, Hall of Fall inductee, Mu Alpha Theta president, and member of the Beta

Club.

At Southwest, Zachary has remained equally busy with his studies and his campus roles. Zachary is president of Southwest's Omicron Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and a member of the computer programming team that competed statewide in Spring 2002.

In addition to being a Bear Tracker, Southwest's ambassador group, Zachary was recently selected Mr. SMCC and a member of the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

After spring graduation, Zachary, who maintains a 4.0 GPA, plans to actively pursue a degree in computer engineering.

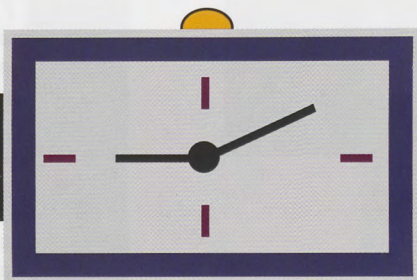
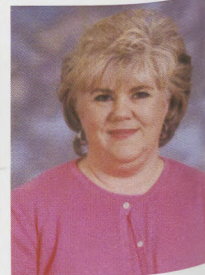
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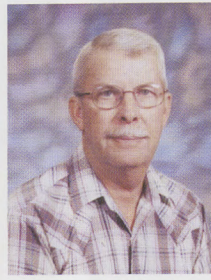
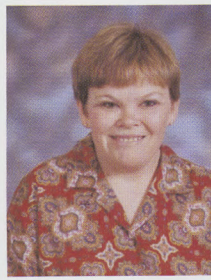
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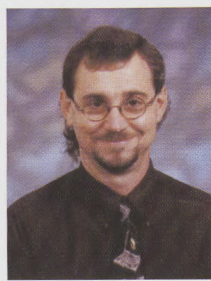
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Teresa Wilson
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Grill

Lisa Boyd, Sylvia Brown, Tammy Brown



Mashall Rogers, Glenda Haney, and Kay Allen take a break outside to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air. Their work days began early before anyone arrived at school for classes or work.

Hall of Fame



Zachary Adam Young

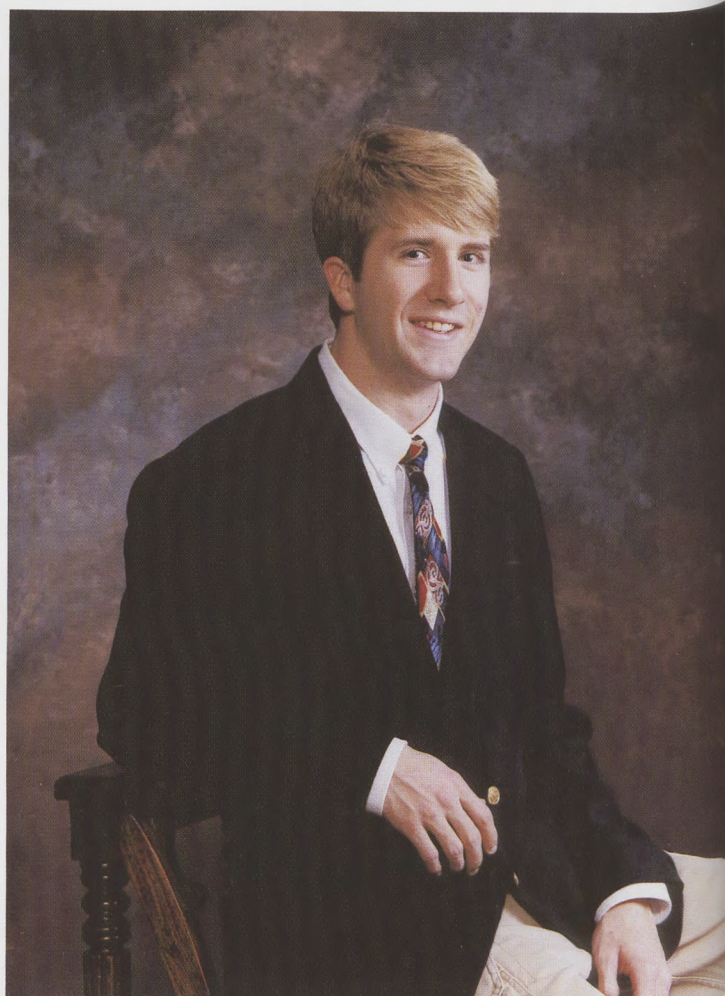
Son of Joe and Ramona Young, Zachary Young, a North Pike High School graduate, is a computer engineering major.

Zachary, maintaining a 4.0 GPA, remained busy with his studies and his campus roles at Southwest. During his freshman year, he was a member of the SMCC choir and the computer programming team that competed statewide in Spring 2002. As a sophomore, Zachary was president of Southwest's Omicron Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

In addition to being a Bear Tracker, Southwest's ambassador group, Zachary was selected Outstanding Student, Mr. SMCC, and a member of the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

For relaxation, he enjoys the outdoors by hunting, fishing, playing football or golf, and spending time with friends.

After spring graduation, Zachary plans to pursue a degree at Mississippi State University.



Bryceton Shepherd Crawford

Bryceton Shepherd Crawford, son of Shep and Beverly Crawford of Woodville, is a graduate of Wilkinson County Christian Academy, from which he graduated with honors.

While attending Southwest, Bryce was voted Class Favorite during both his freshman and sophomore years. During his freshman year he sang with the SMCC Choir and was named to the prestigious National Dean's List.

As a sophomore, Bryce served as secretary of the SGA and vice president of Phi Theta Kappa. Selected by faculty, Bryce was a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and was a Bear Tracker. In addition, he was a member of Honors Forum, an invitation-only class.

When not devoting his time to study or areas of elected responsibilities, Bryce enjoys hunting, sports, and church activities.

After his graduation, Bryce, a sociology major, plans to continue his studies at Millsaps or Mississippi College.

Hall of Fame



Bethany Melissa White

Daughter of Dede Ginn of Jackson and Sammy White of Utica, Bethany White is a graduate of Hillcrest Christian School, where she was cheerleader and a member of various organizations.

At Southwest, Bethany has retained roles of leadership. As a freshman, she was class vice president, assistant yearbook editor, Bear Tracker, and recipient of the Biology I award.

As a sophomore, Bethany served as SGA President, *Whispering Pines* editor, All-USA Academic Team member, Honors Forum member, Bear Tracker, and Phi Theta Kappa. She was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

When time allows, Bethany spends time with her family and friends in addition to volunteering at a local nursing home.

Bethany, a mathematics major, plans to continue her education at Mississippi College.



Jesica Denise Jackson

Jesica Jackson, graduate of Pine Hills Academy, is the daughter of Jerry and Angela Jackson of Gloster. During her free time from school and extracurricular activities, Jesica volunteers at the Crisis Pregnancy Center and enjoys playing the piano, going fishing, and playing tennis.

At Southwest, she remained busy. In addition to the President's List and the National Dean's List, Jesica was Phi Theta Kappa Secretary and SGA Vice President. She assisted with recruiting as a Bear Tracker and was a member of both the tennis team and the yearbook staff.

Jesica was chosen by her peers as Sophomore Class Favorite and by the faculty as a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

After graduation, Jesica, a nursing major, plans to continue her education at Mississippi University for Women.

Mr. SMCC



Zachary Young



Cori Wilkinson

Miss SMCC

Who's Who

Brandi Burris
Campus Favorite



Laurie Allen
Most Beautiful



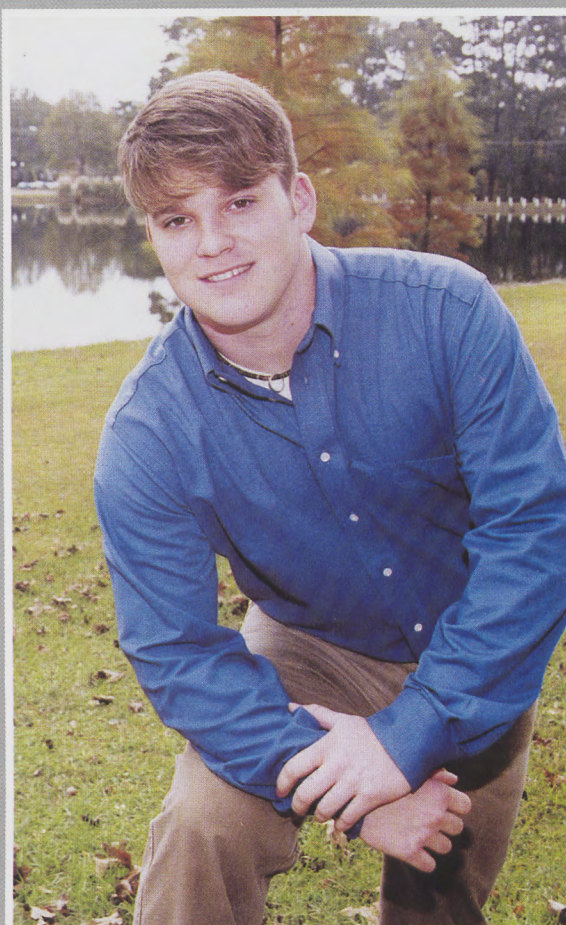
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Who's Who



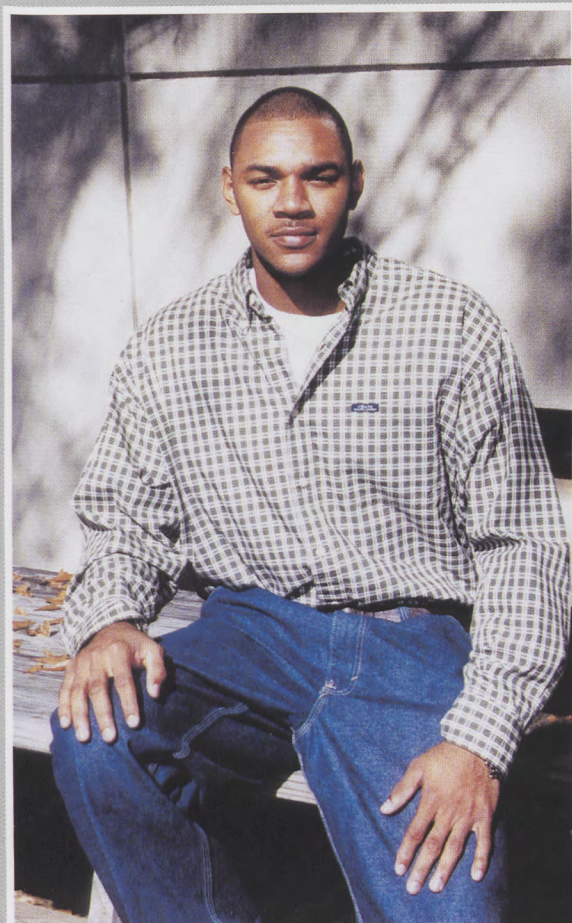
Lucien Weber

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Landon Wilson

Most Handsome



Josh Matthews

Campus Beau

Sophomore



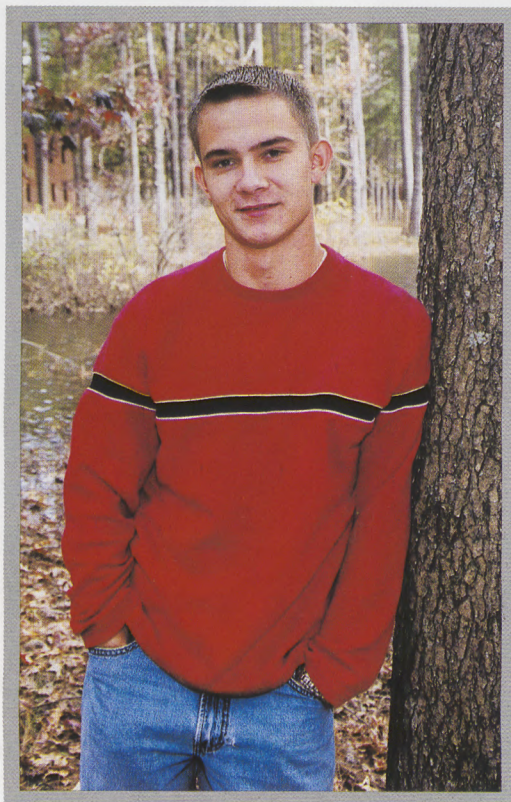
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Misty Brown
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Sandy Palmer
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Seth Guidry
Sophomore Favorite



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Bryce Crawford
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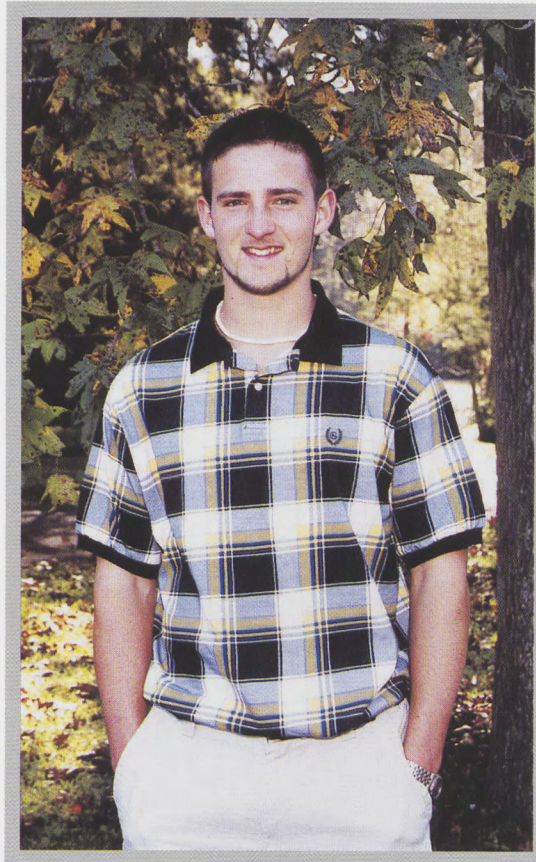


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Matthew Lofton
Sophomore Favorite

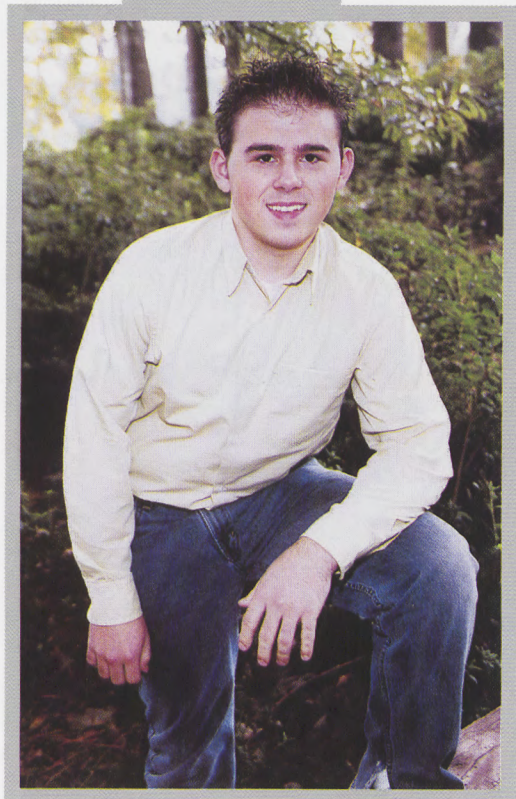
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Freshman Beau



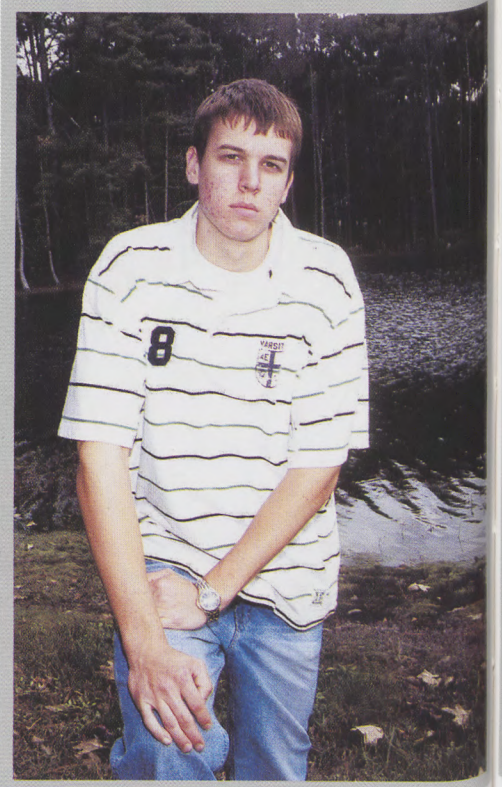
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Jonathan Ryals
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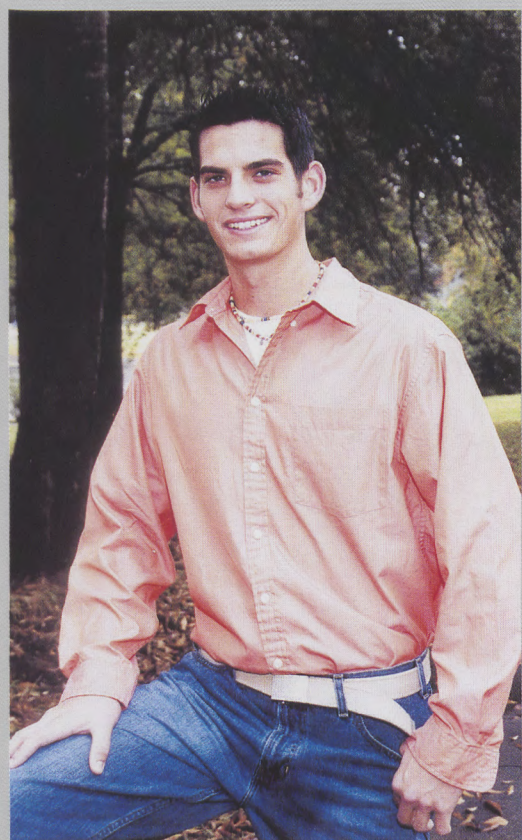


Karinlee Brister
Freshman Favorite



Travis Ball
Freshman Favorite

Who' Who



John Birdsong
Freshman Beau



Dawn Ashley
Freshman Beauty



Holly Myers
Freshman Favorite



Jason Brown
Freshman Favorite



Kelly Thomas
Freshman Favorite



Since the beginning of time, man has recorded time. The first "time keepers" may have been sticks stuck into the sand where casting shadows marked the passing hours.

Although the word *clock* was first used in the 14th century AD, Egyptians used water clocks as early as the 3rd century BC to record time. Hourglasses and sundials evolved through the ages, lending foundations to today's watches and clocks with digital and mechanical gadgets and features to suit individual needs, preferences, and lifestyles.

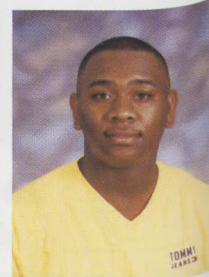
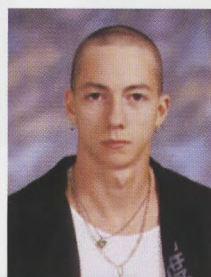
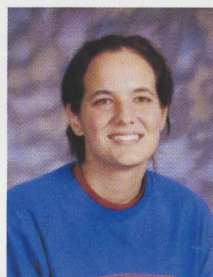
Today's students know little about hourglasses or that candles with a nail inserted into the wax were used as the first alarm clock — whenever the candle wax melted down to the nail then the nail would fall into a tin pan and make a noise — but clocks and watches became their trusted friend or brutal enemy.

For athletes, stop watches were dreaded weapons in the hands of coaches. Wall clocks received steady glances as students longed for classes to end. And, alarm clocks and/or watches with alarms ensured timely arrivals to classes.

Take time to look at the hundreds of students who relied on timepieces to keep them on time.

Internet Source: www.ernie.cummings.net/clock.htm

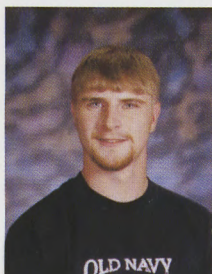
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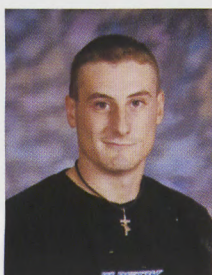
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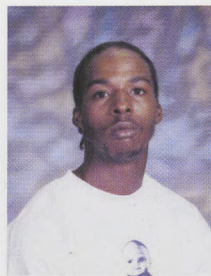
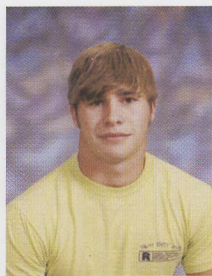
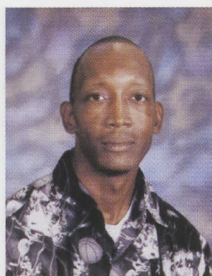


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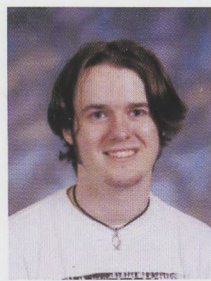
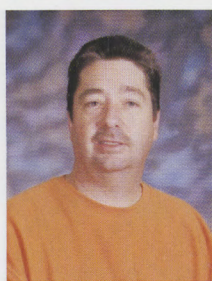


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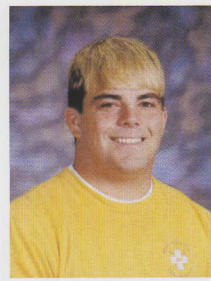
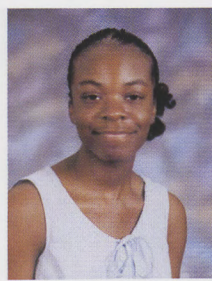
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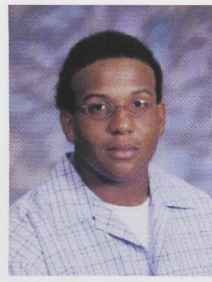
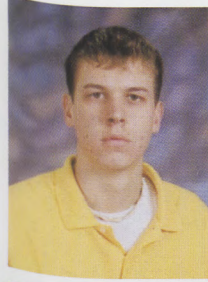
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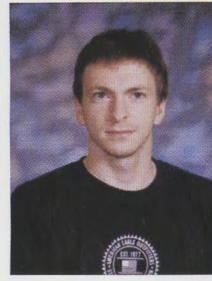
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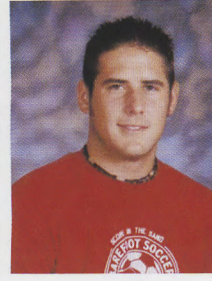
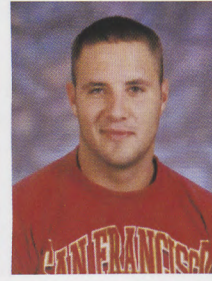
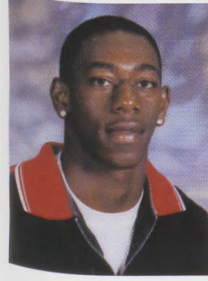
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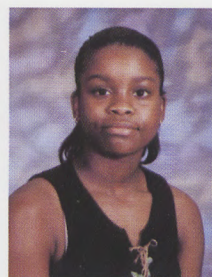
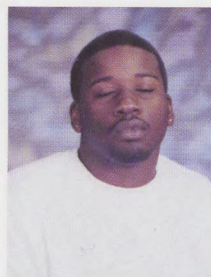


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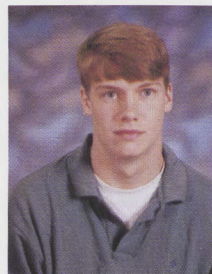


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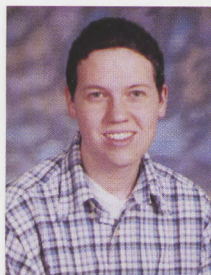


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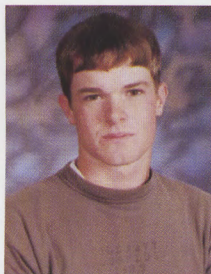
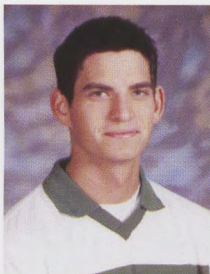


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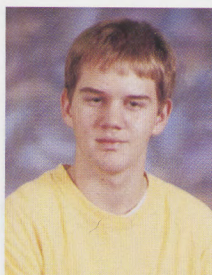
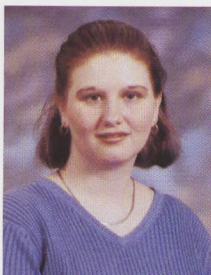
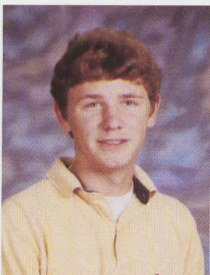
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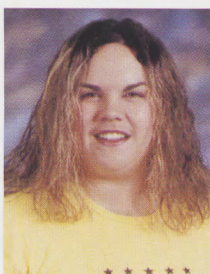
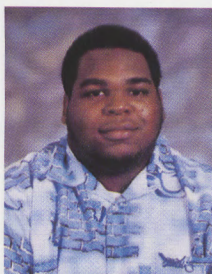
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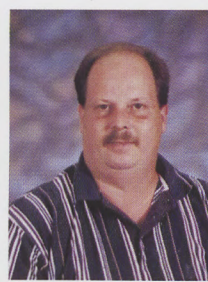


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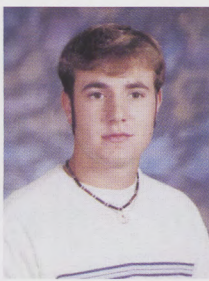


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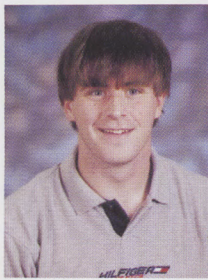
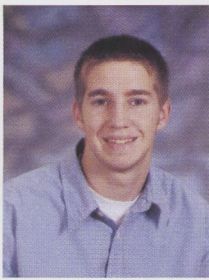
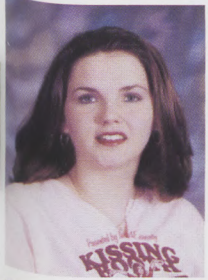




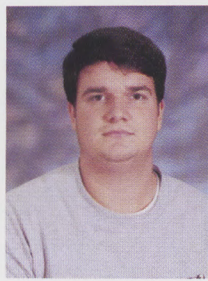
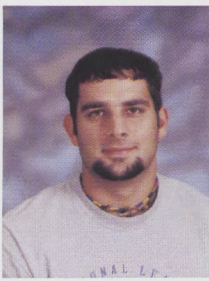
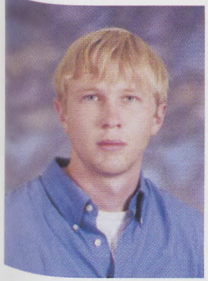
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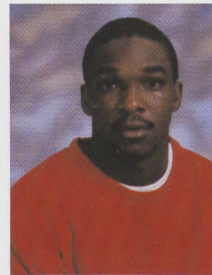
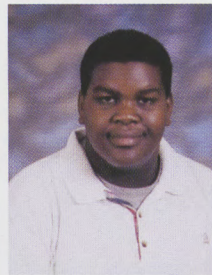
Time to learn more about Chatawa . . .

McKinney presents humanities lecture

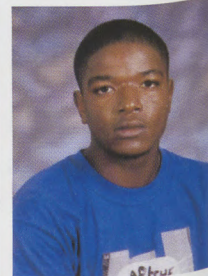
On October 28, 2002, Samuel M. McKinney, Chair of the Social Science and Business Division, presented the third Annual Public Lecture in the Humanities at Southwest, entitled "Chatawa, MS: In Historical and Socioeconomic Perspective." The lecture was sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council.



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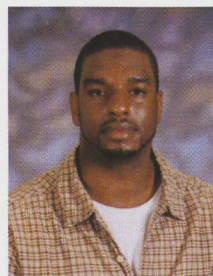


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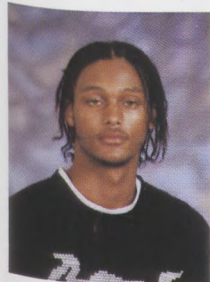


Time for a break . . .

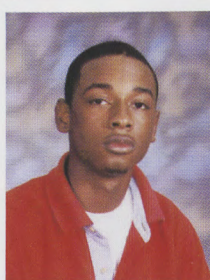
Students enjoy afternoon lunch

After a morning of classes, Carlos Ballhagen and Linda Bowers share lunch and a good conversation before returning to afternoon classes. The tailgate made a perfect picnic table, and the weather furnished the perfect outdoor dining atmosphere.

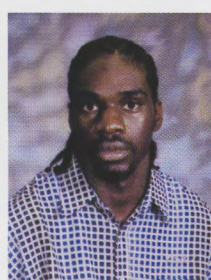
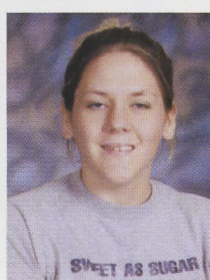
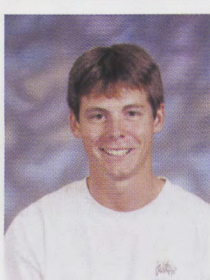




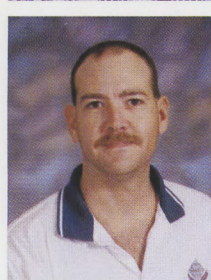
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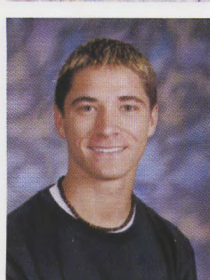
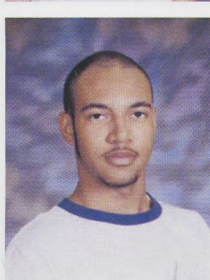
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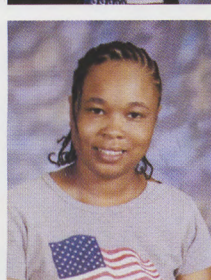
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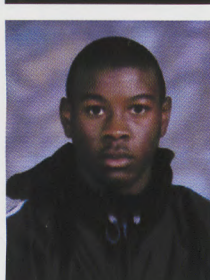
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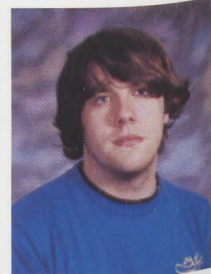
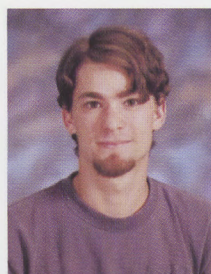
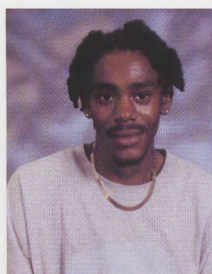


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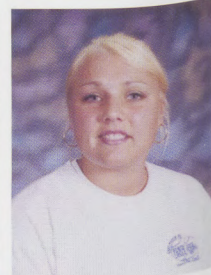
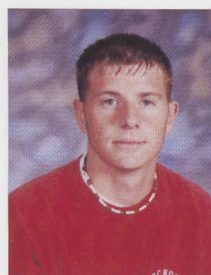
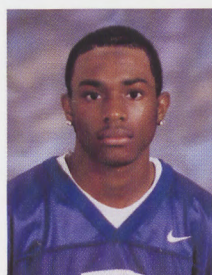


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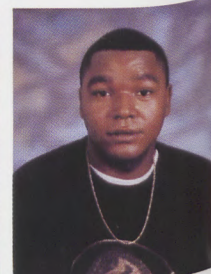
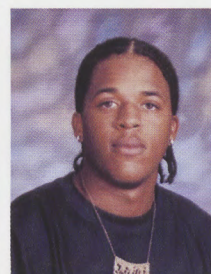
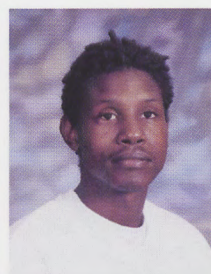


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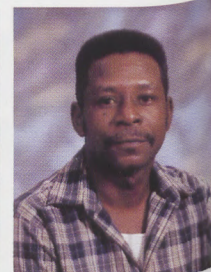
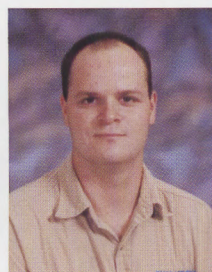


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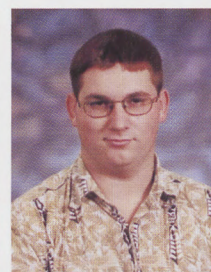
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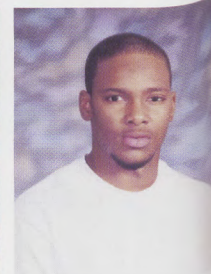
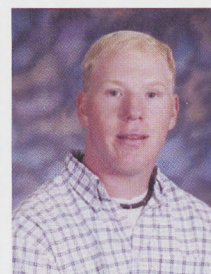
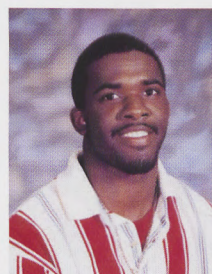
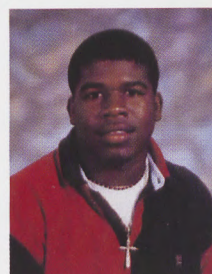
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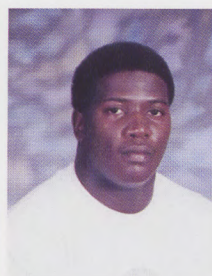
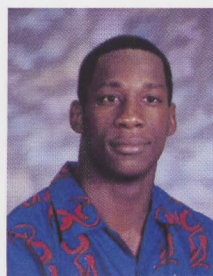
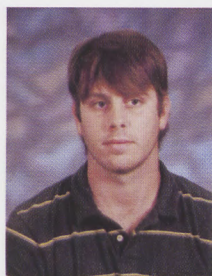
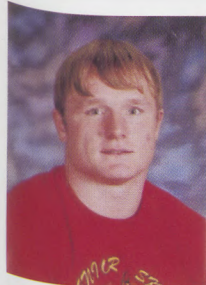


Time for treats . . .



Goblins invade campus

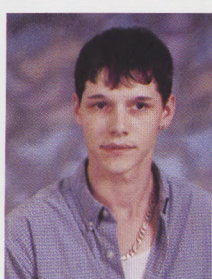
When it's time to trick-or-treat, goblins invade the campus. This year's goblins included Patrick McMorris, Jamie Taylor, Kalyn Kyzar, McCain Carnegie, Brady Johnson, front row; Savannah Wallace, Sarah Fortenberry, Carlee Applewhite, Hunter Temple, Shelby Siebert, and Bailey Lott. Child Care Technology students Sakeitha Varnado, Ashley Herrin, Christ Arent, Vera Lenoir, and Hope Dunaway helped the goblins across campus.



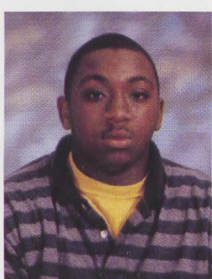
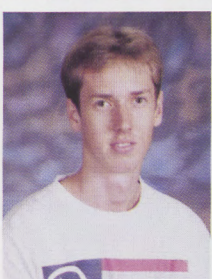
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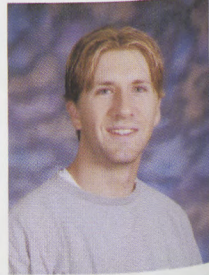
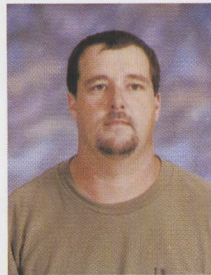


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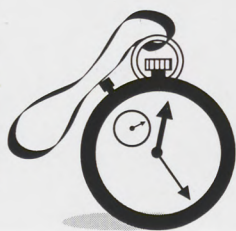
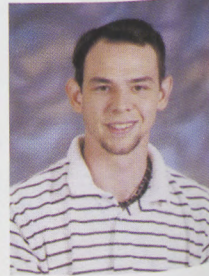
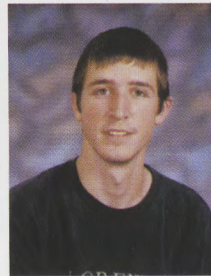
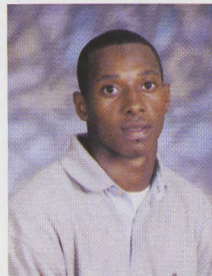
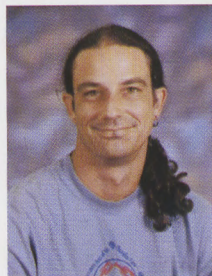


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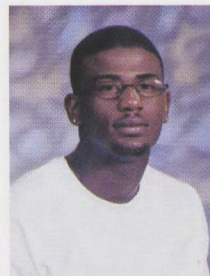
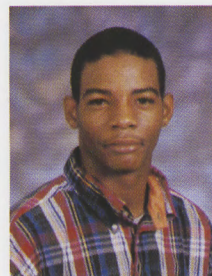
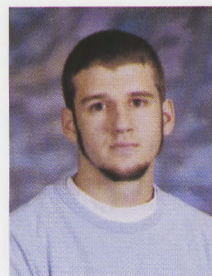


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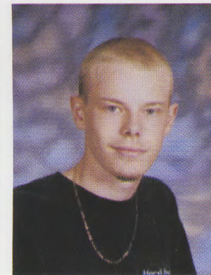
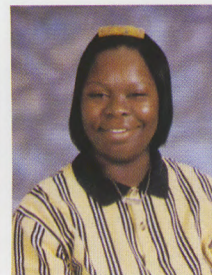
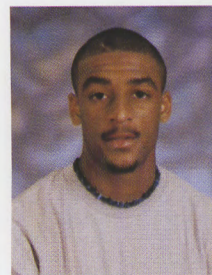


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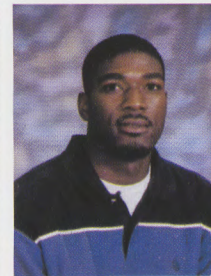
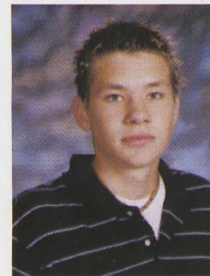
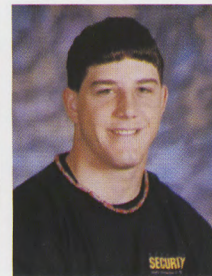
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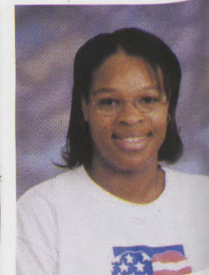
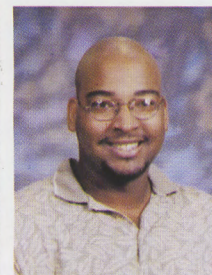
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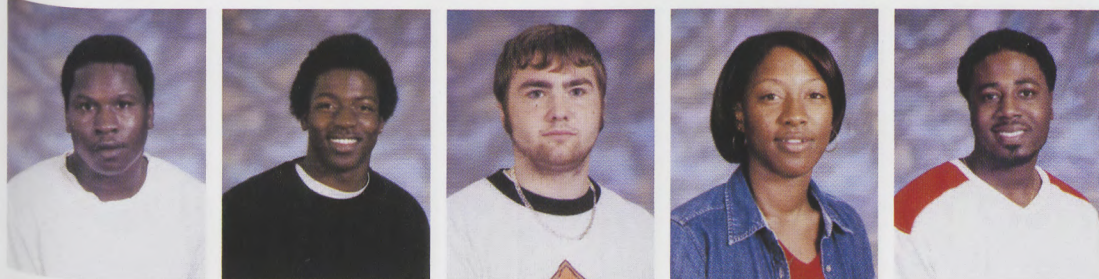


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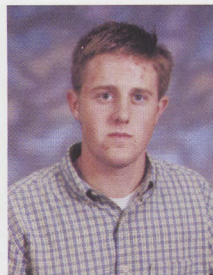
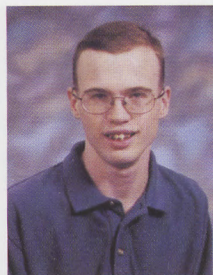
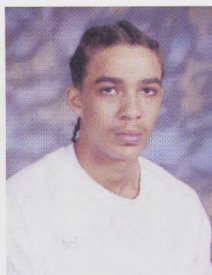
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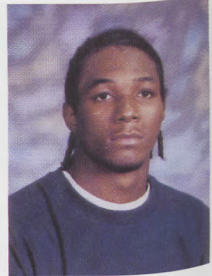
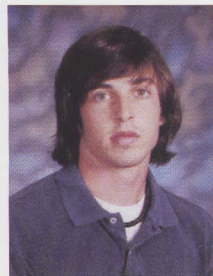
Students complete lab assignments

Robert Walker meets Grace McDaniel in the lobby of the girl's dorm to complete their biology project on DNA and RNA. Group projects were the norm for college assignments.

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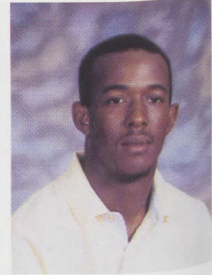


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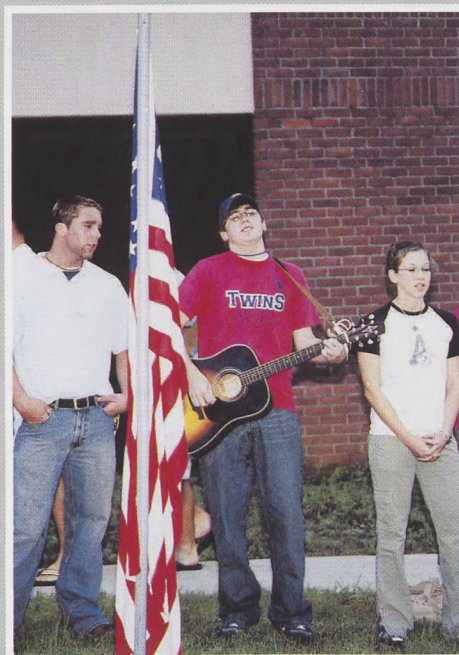


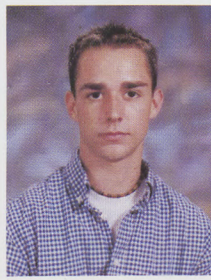
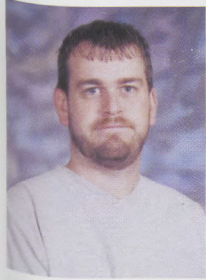
Time for worship . . .

People of all ages gather to worship

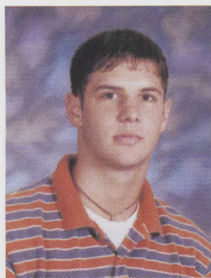
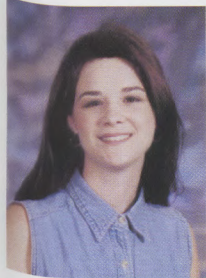
Mitch Johnston provides the music while Jeremy Freeman and Emily Garner sing along at See You at the Pole. The worship service came before 8:00 classes. President Holmes, faculty, administrators, worship leaders, and students gathered to sing praises and offer prayers to God.

To help prepare everyone for the day, juice and donuts were served. Faculty member Carol Ann McMorris assists grandson Patrick with his breakfast.

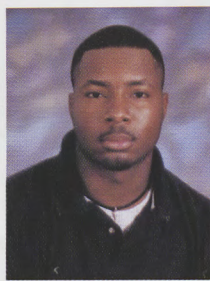
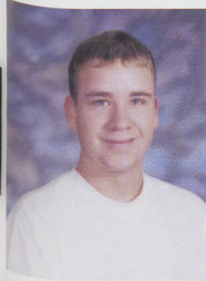




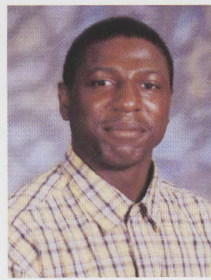
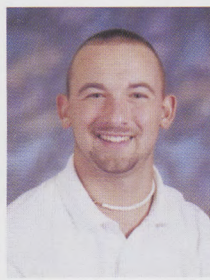
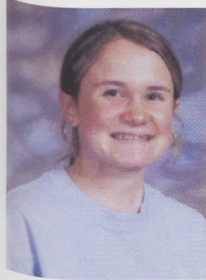
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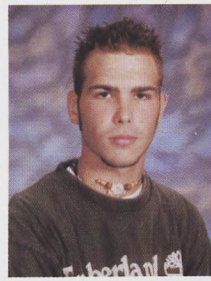
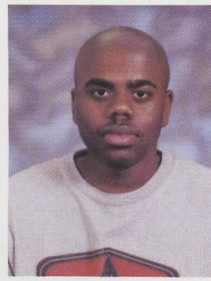
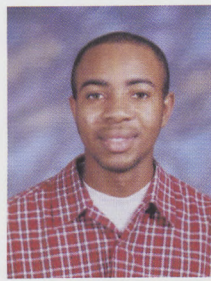
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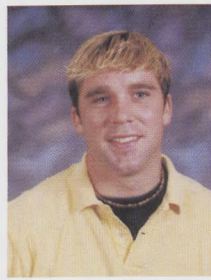
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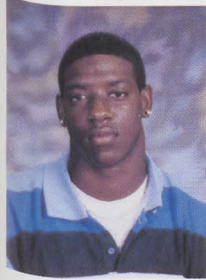
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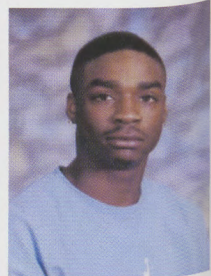
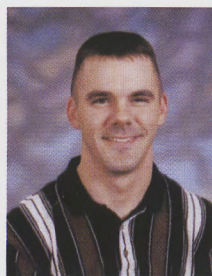
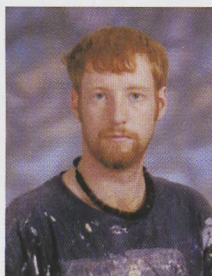
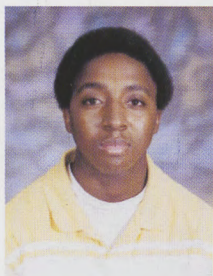


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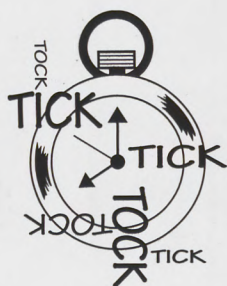


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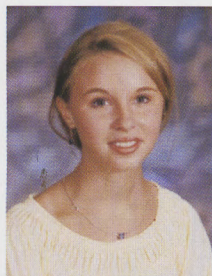


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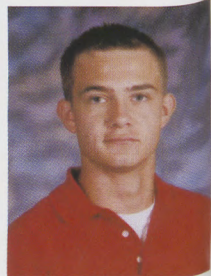
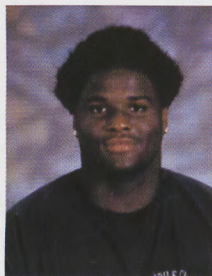
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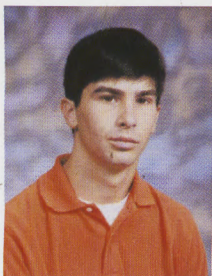
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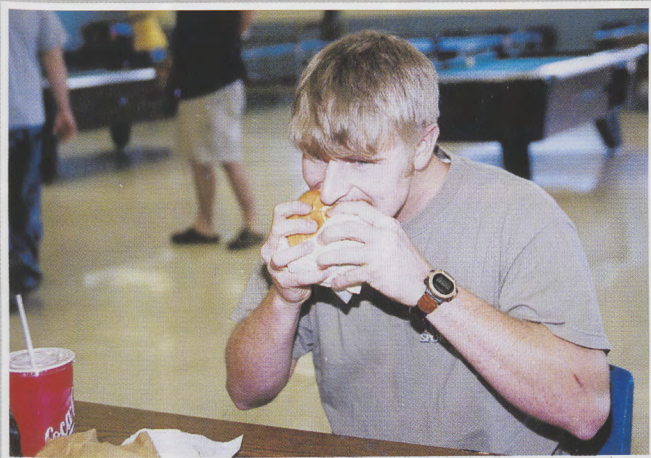
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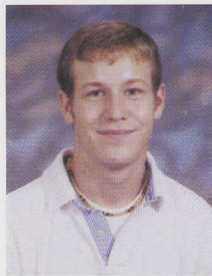
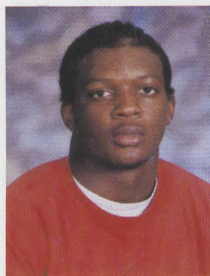


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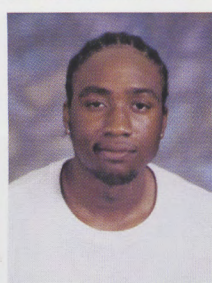


Grill provides alternative to cafeteria dining

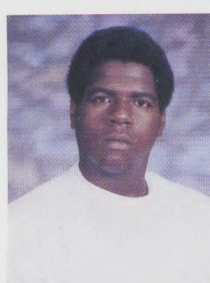
When it comes to food, Scott Alexander lets nothing come between him and a good hamburger. Enjoying the Halloween season, Sunshine Whitehead dines with friend and classmate Danielle Williams.



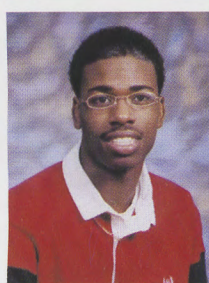
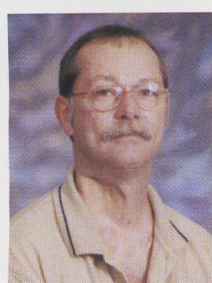
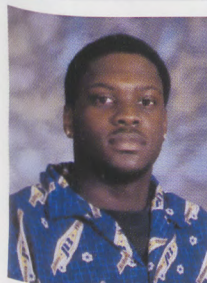
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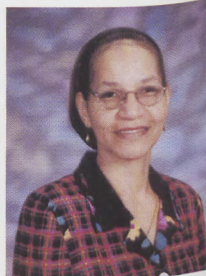


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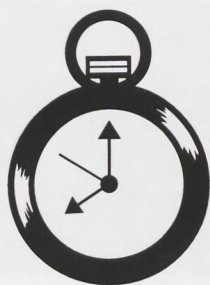


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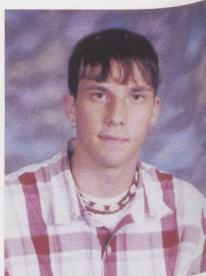
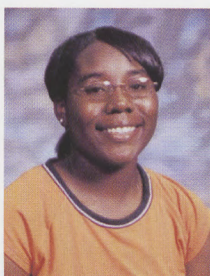
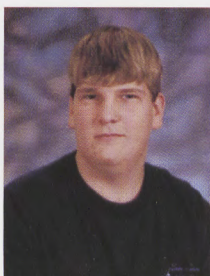
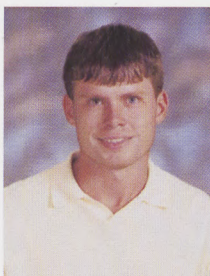


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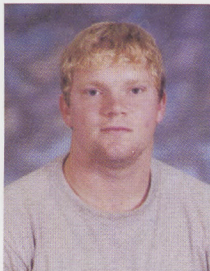
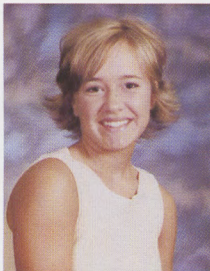


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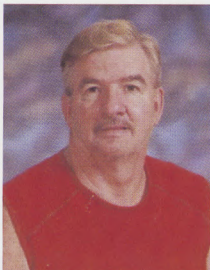
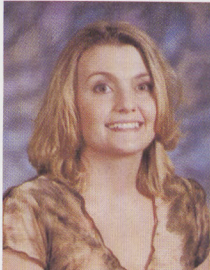
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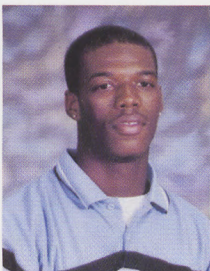
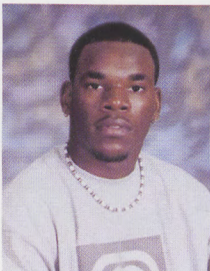
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Summit
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Ron Hidalgo
Tangipahoa, LA
Becky Hilburn
Tylertown



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Tylertown
Mandrell Hill
Roseland, LA
Quelando Hill
Kentwood, LA
Heather Hilton
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Jeremy Hodges
McComb





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Marcus Howard, Jr.
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Time for cultural enlightenment . . .

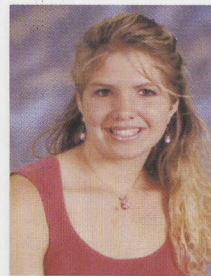
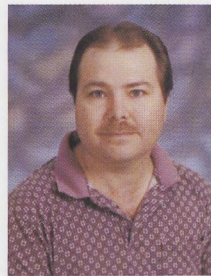


McKinney speaks to packed house

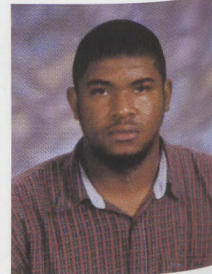
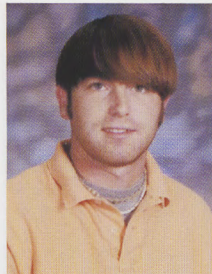
Each year, a faculty member from the Humanities division presents a program for students and the community at large. This year, Sam McKinney presented *Chatawa, MS: In Historical and Socioeconomic Perspective*. Past speakers have been Merrielyn Ginn and Paul Dancsisin.

At all of these presentations, speakers encounter a packed house of eager listeners.

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John Hutson
McComb
Julie Hutson
Summit
Carolyn Isaac
McComb



Lacie Isaac
McComb
Jason Iupe
McComb
Anna Jackson
Smithdale
Brian Jackson
Foxworth
Clarence Jackson
Smithdale



Huhn - Jones

Christalynn Jackson
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Time for some entertainment, Stage Band style . . .

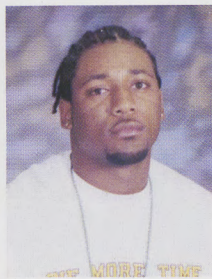
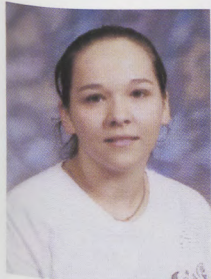


Stage Band performs at Homecoming '02

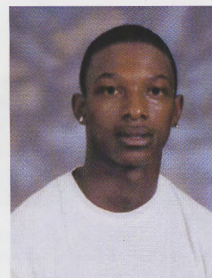
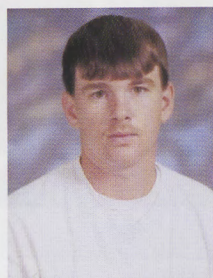
When there is a demand for music, the Stage Band is the group to call. Weeks and hours of practice prepare them for their many performances during the year.



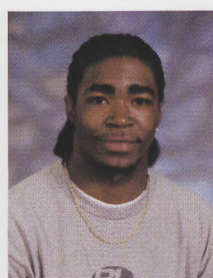
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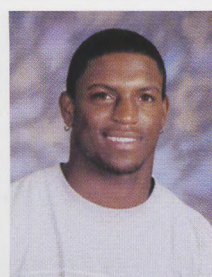
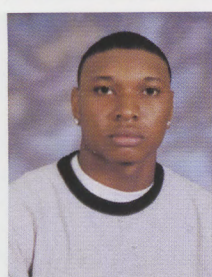
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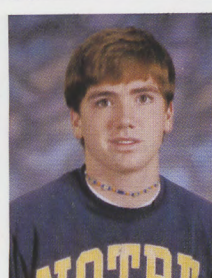
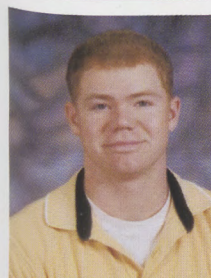
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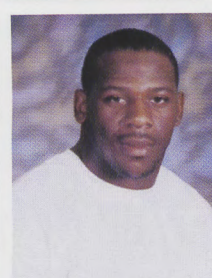
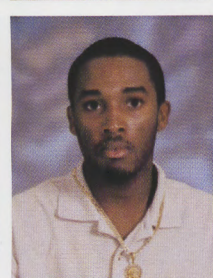
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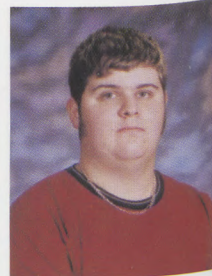
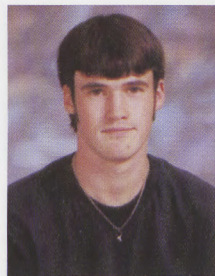


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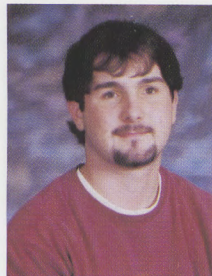
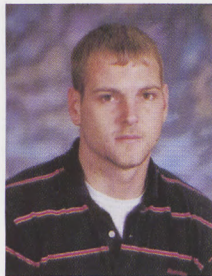


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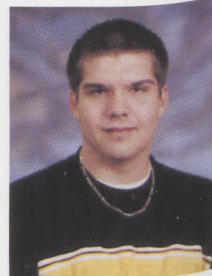
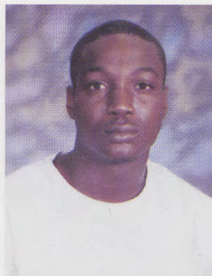


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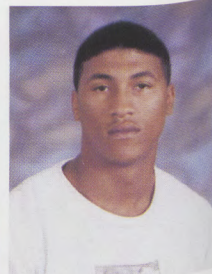
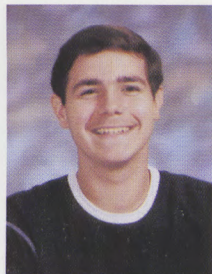


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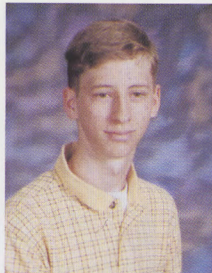
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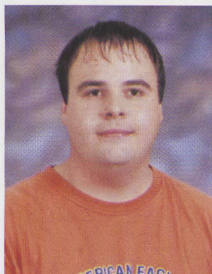
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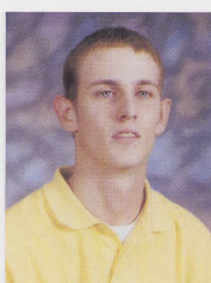
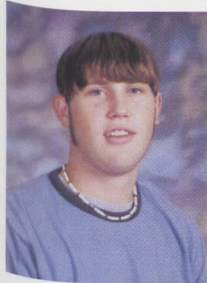


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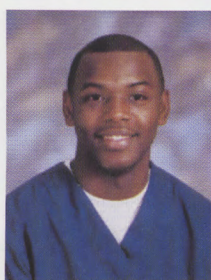


Cell phones replace traditional phones in popularity

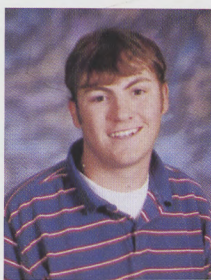
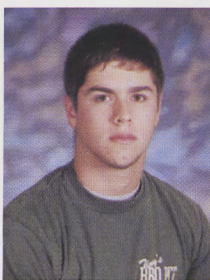
One look across campus at students like Eva Reeves or Derrick Louque, and you quickly see the communication tool of choice for students - cell phones. Few students, if any, in the dorms utilized traditional phone sets. Instead, the convenience and mobility of cell phones are quickly replacing standard sets.



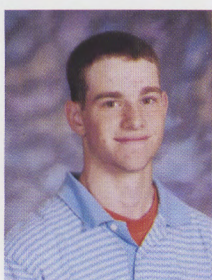
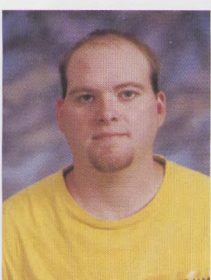
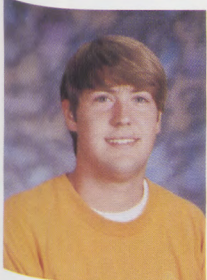
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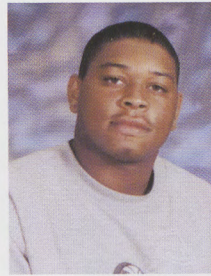
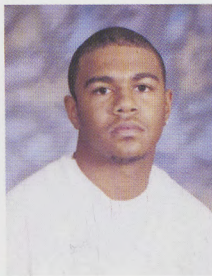
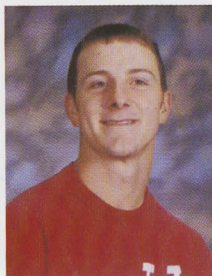


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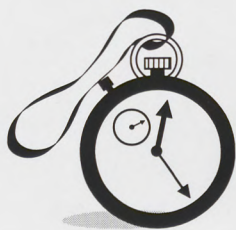
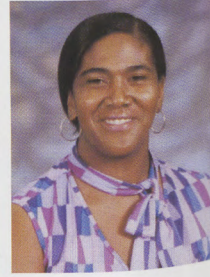
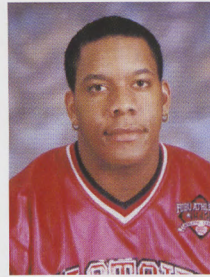


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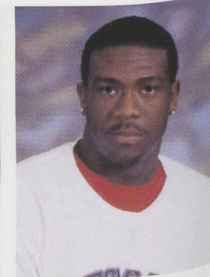
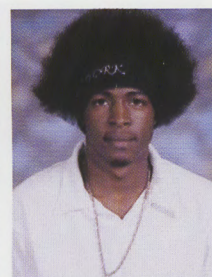
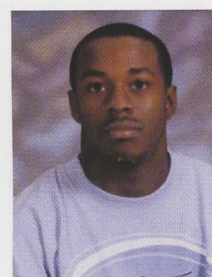
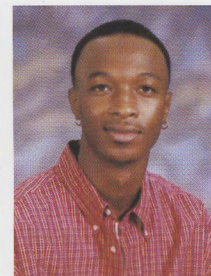
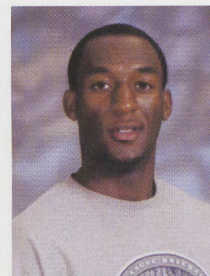
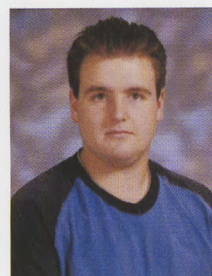


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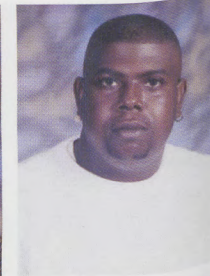
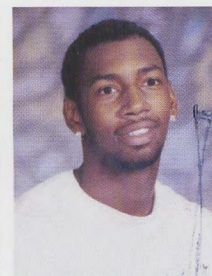


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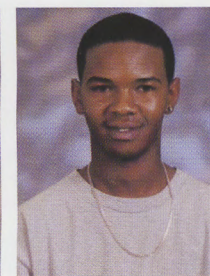
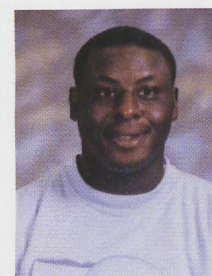
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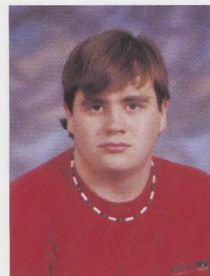
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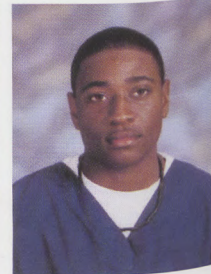
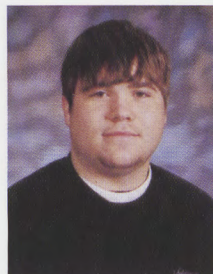
Students mix lunch and games

After placing their orders in the grill, some students like Evan Brabham, Chris Thornton, Adam Bacot, and Jed Easley play a quick game of pool. Unless afternoon classes prevent further play, many resume contests after eating lunch.

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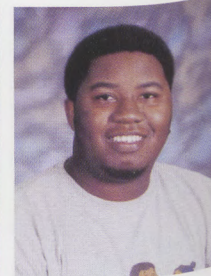
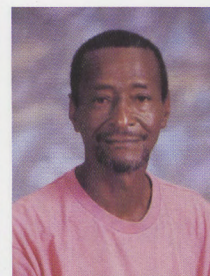
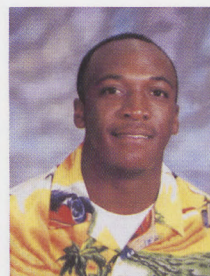
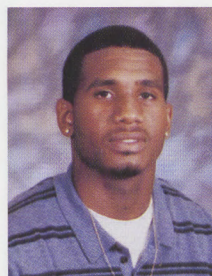


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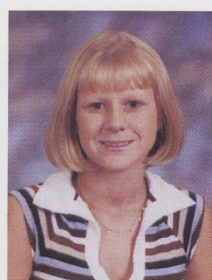


Time for food, again . . .

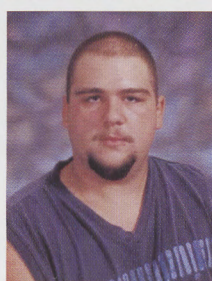
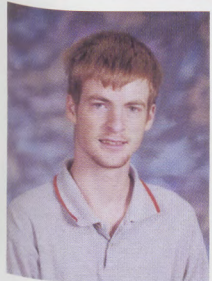
Time for meals comes quickly for Cafeteria Staff

When one meal is served, another one is being prepared. Planning three healthy meals a day is challenging, but the Cafeteria Staff successfully meets the challenge each day.

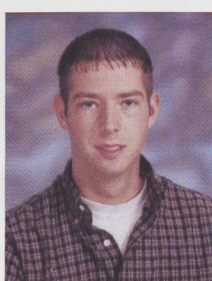
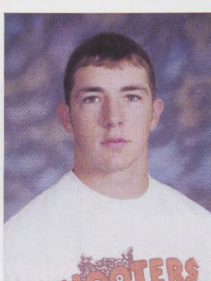




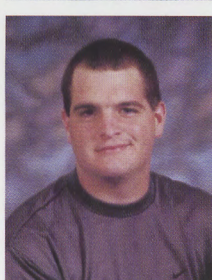
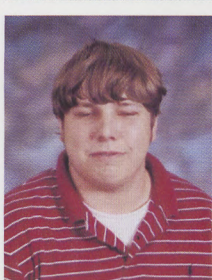
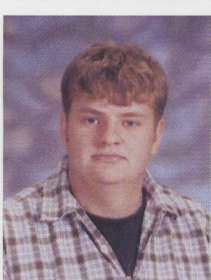
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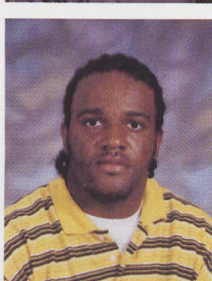
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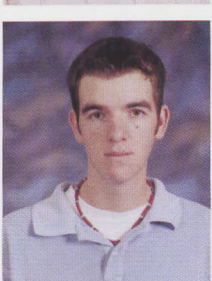
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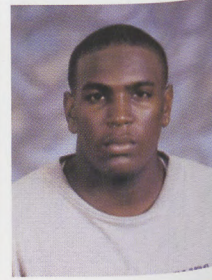
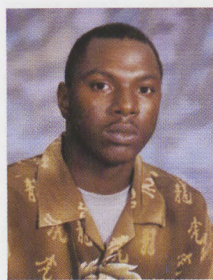


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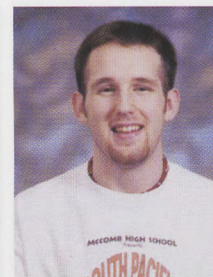
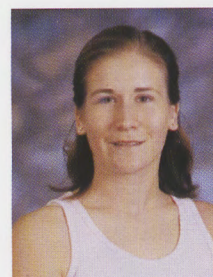


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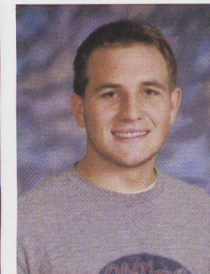
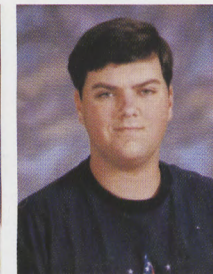
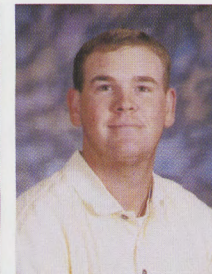
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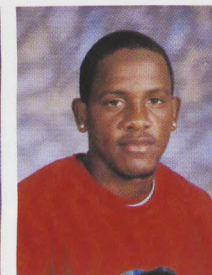
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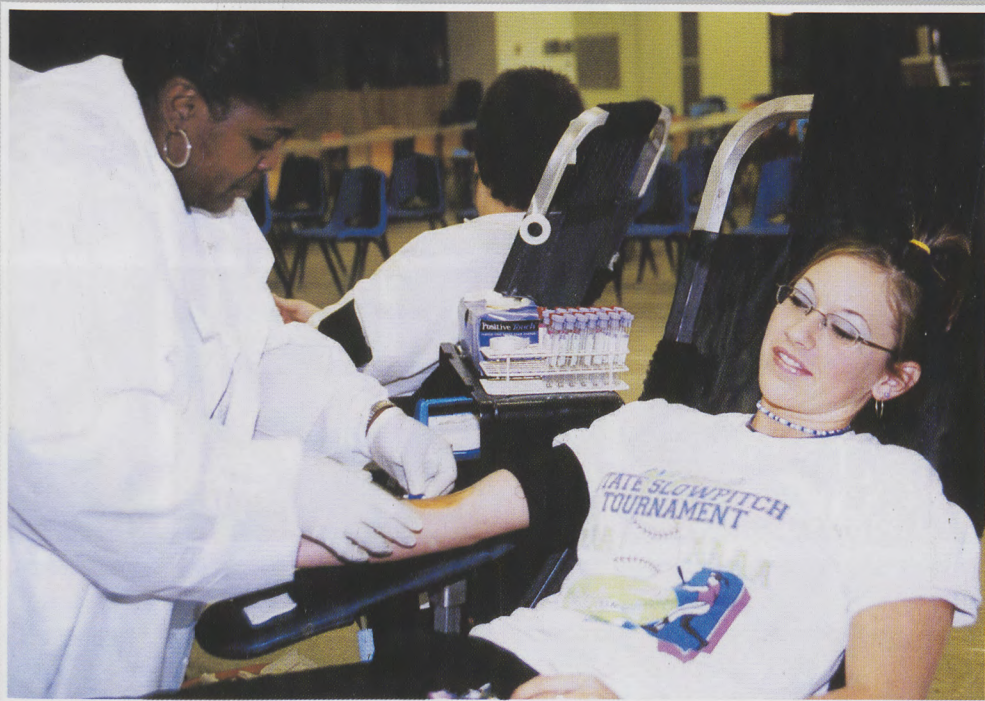
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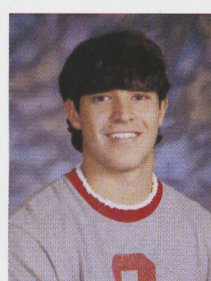
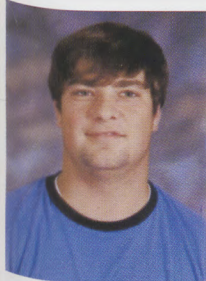


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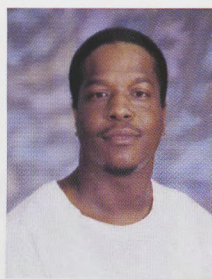


Students give so others may live

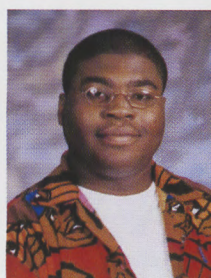
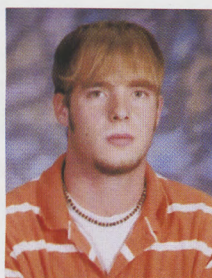
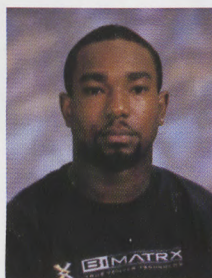
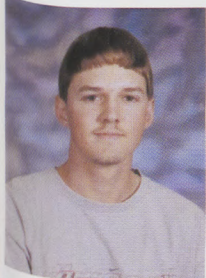
Each semester, Southwest hosts blood drives. Although some students give because they receive bonus points in a particular class, others give simply because they want to ensure that others many live. Whatever the reason, students like Emily Garner roll up their sleeves and give freely.



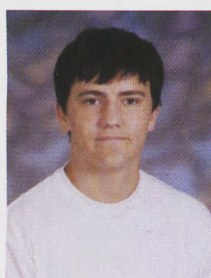
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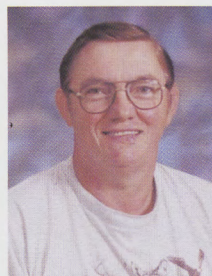


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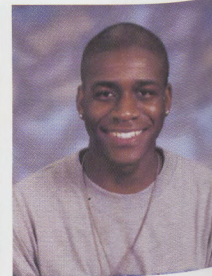
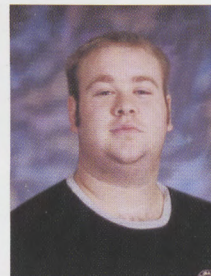
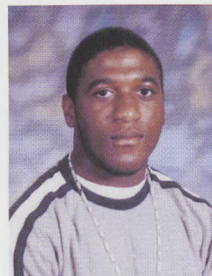
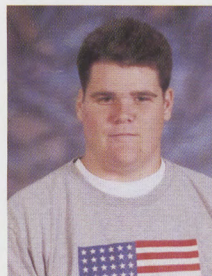
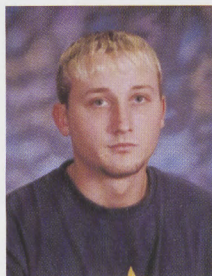


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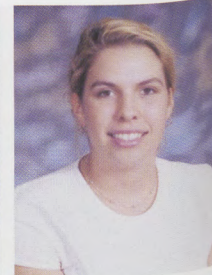
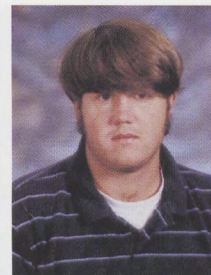
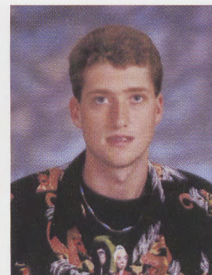
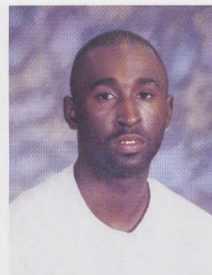


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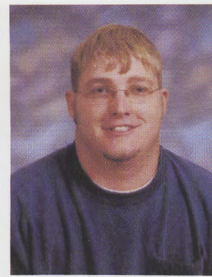


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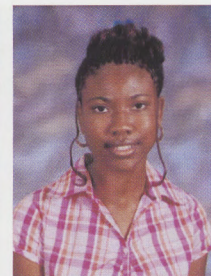
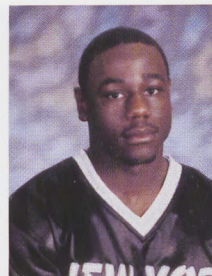
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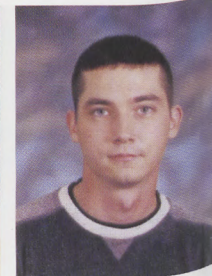
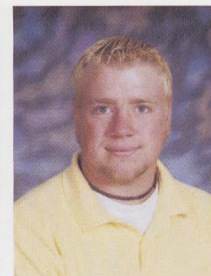
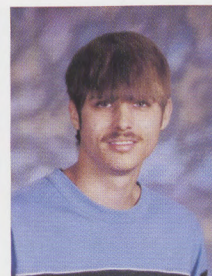
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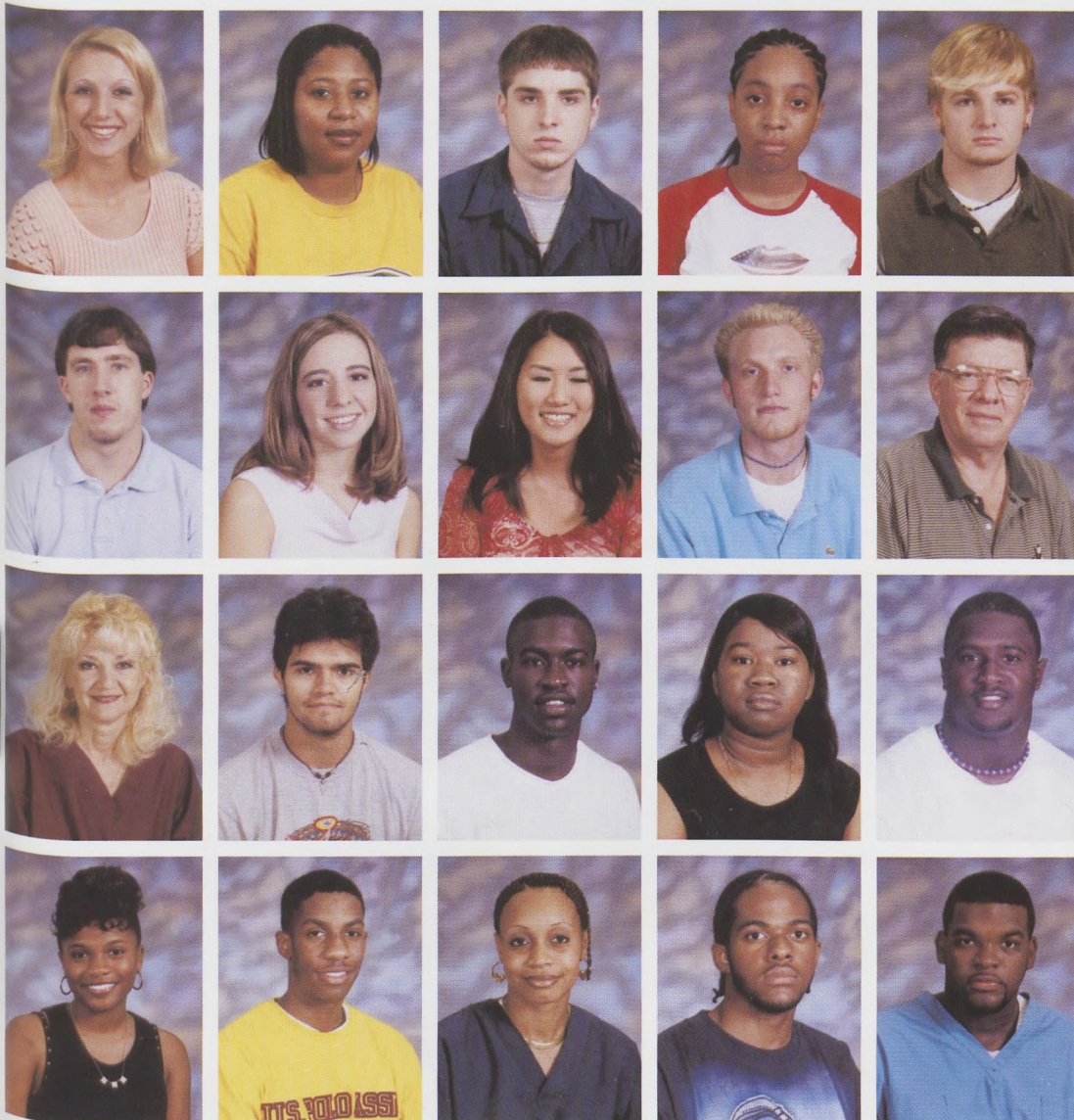


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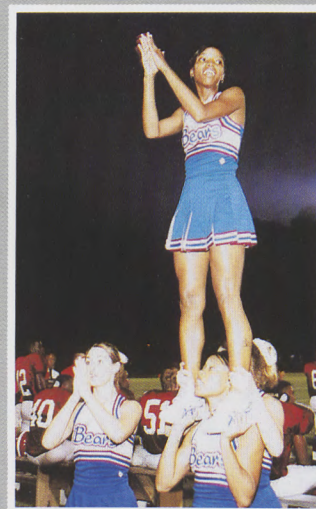
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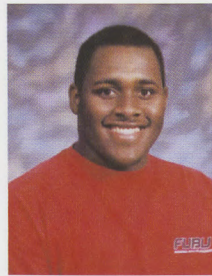
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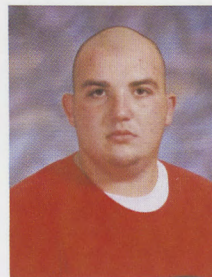
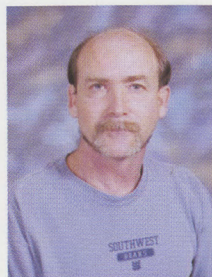
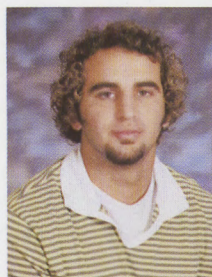
Cheerleaders have spirit

Of all the people on campus with Bear spirit, perhaps the cheerleaders have the most. They spent hours practicing to make that perfect landing, and they spent hours painting run-throughs that football players demolished in seconds. Regardless of activity, they are our spirit leaders, and LaShanda Martin will go to any height to show it.

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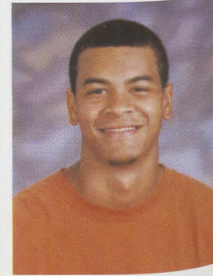
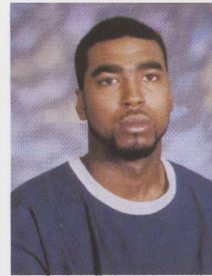


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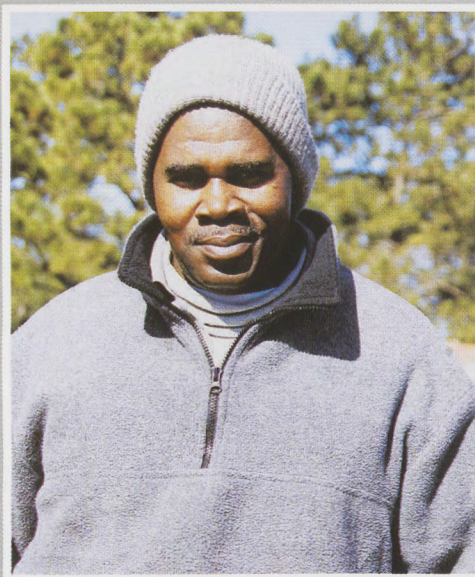


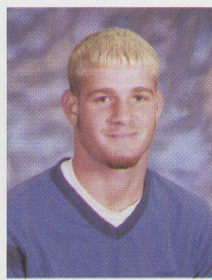
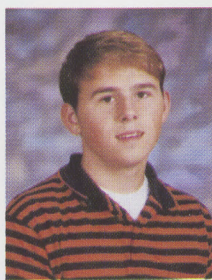
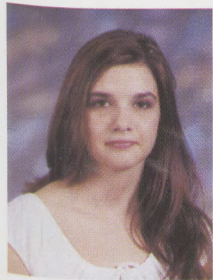
Spotting familiar faces . . .

Familiar faces dot the campus

Any time you travel across campus, you may spot either "T" Felder or Jerry Dampier doing his part to keep Southwest beautiful.

Whether it's routine maintenance or seasonal projects, these familiar faces give their time to ensure a successful finish.





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Tylertown

Jonathan Ryals

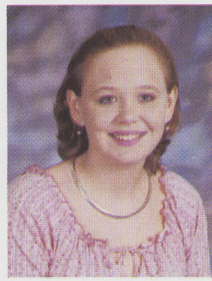
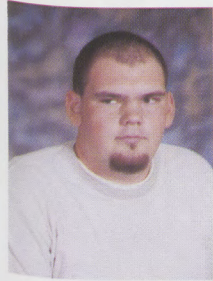
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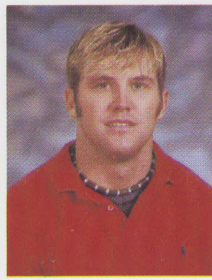
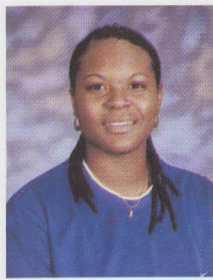
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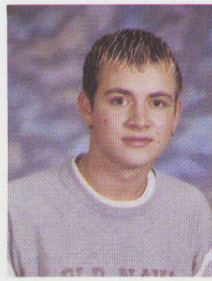
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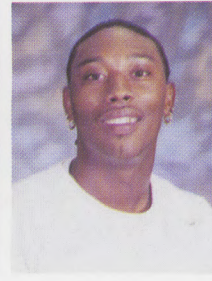
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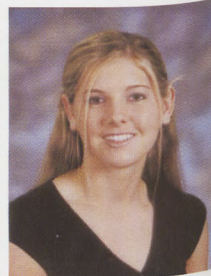
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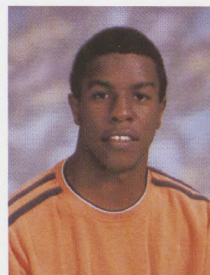
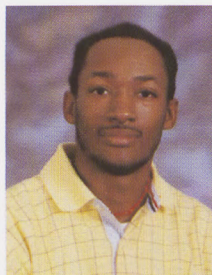


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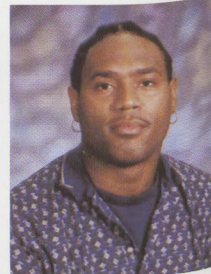


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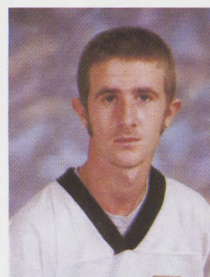
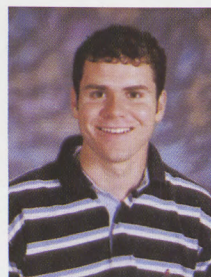
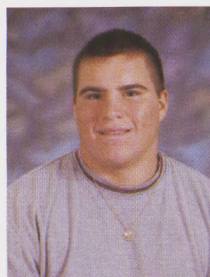
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Melissa Steed
Summit
Demarcus Stephens
McComb
Tanisha Stephens
McComb
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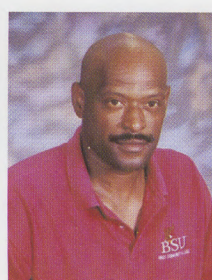
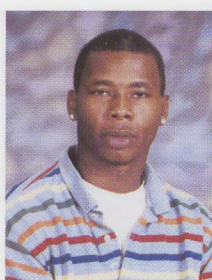


Homecoming '02 — a very busy time . . .

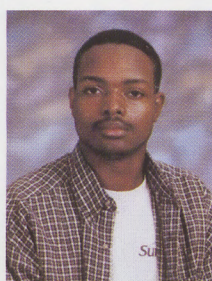
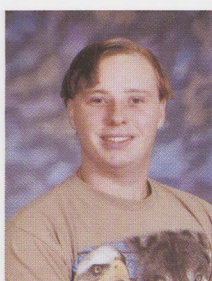


When it's Homecoming, all get in the act

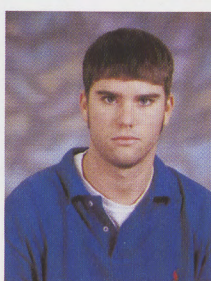
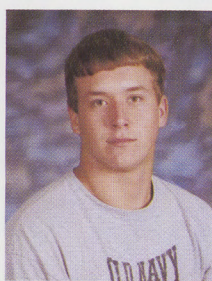
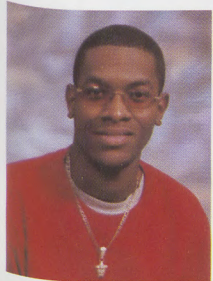
Each October, preparations for Homecoming begin in earnest. Kate Edmonds and Raven Dunaway put the finishing touches on the tables for the Homecoming Dance while other students work on displays across campus, such as this one honoring current or former Southwest students who have served in the military.



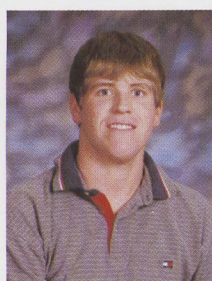
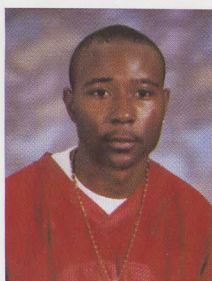
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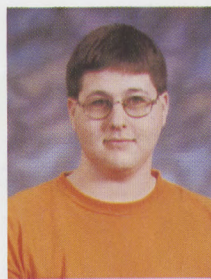
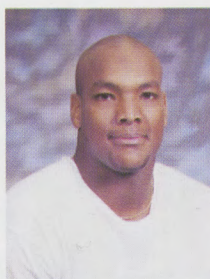
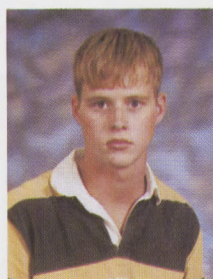


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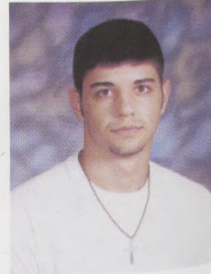
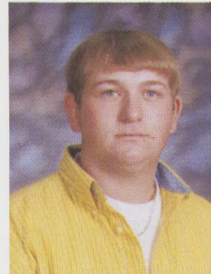


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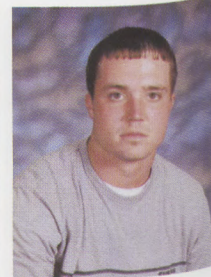
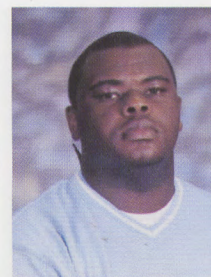
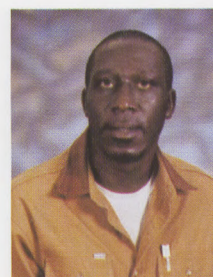


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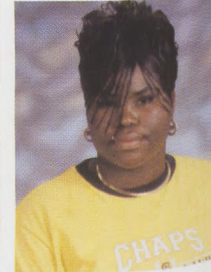
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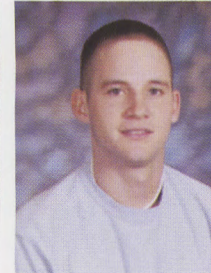
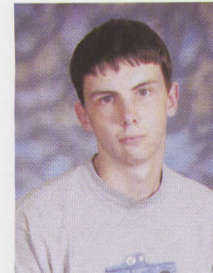
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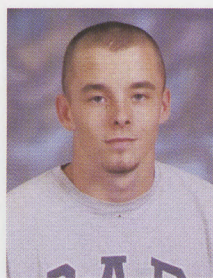
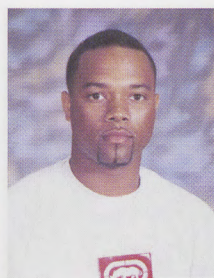
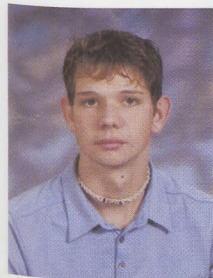


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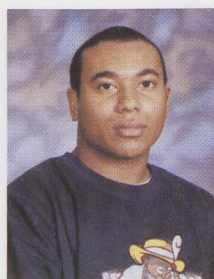
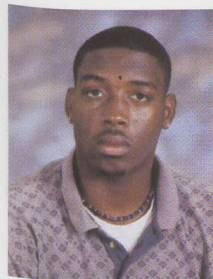


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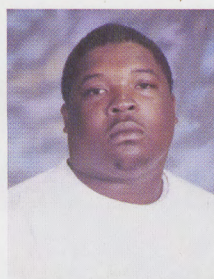
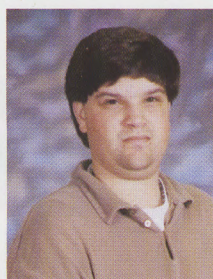
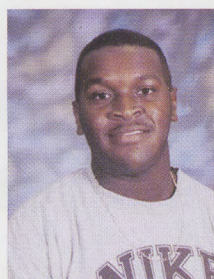
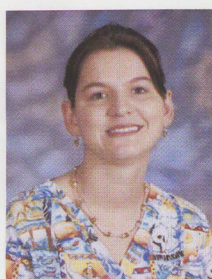
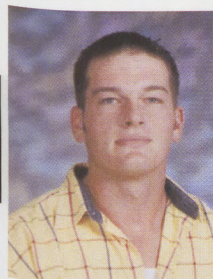




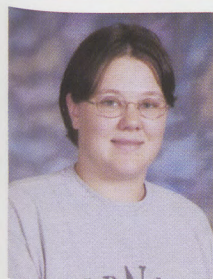
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Monticello
Nikki Wall
Osyka



Bradley Wallace
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Scott Walters
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Time for refueling . .



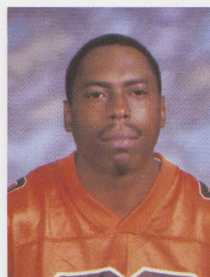
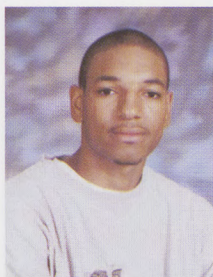
Students refuel at Student Union

The new Horace C. Holmes Student Union provides the perfect place for students to refuel about a morning or day of classes.

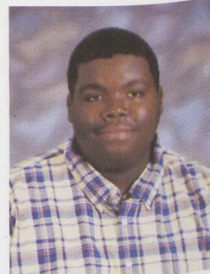
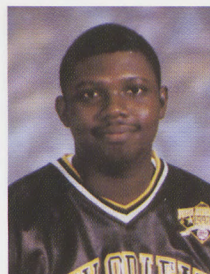
Not only do students like these football players enjoy a good meal, but they also enjoy good fellowship.

Food and fellowship -- the perfect energy sources for Southwest students

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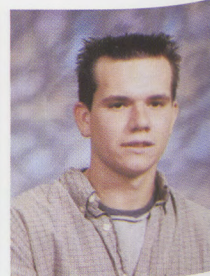
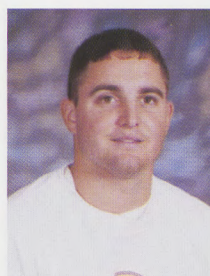
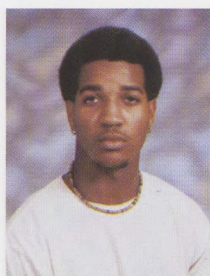
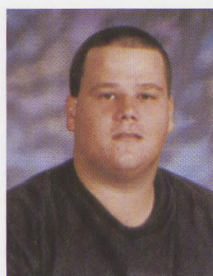


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Liberty
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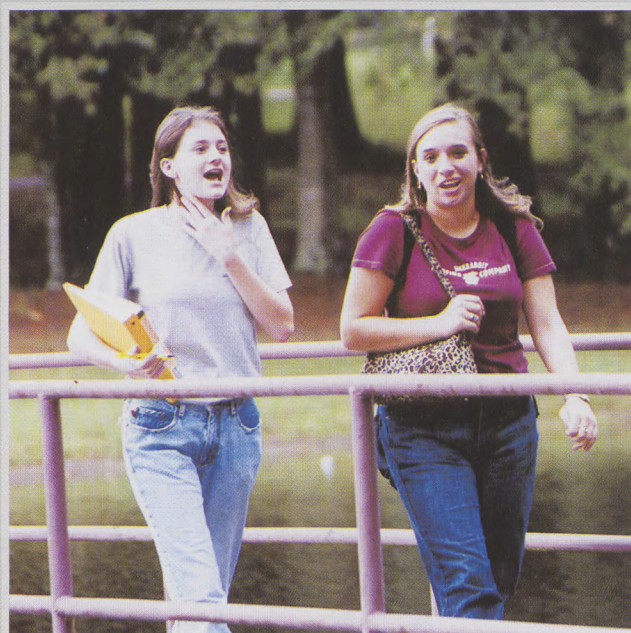


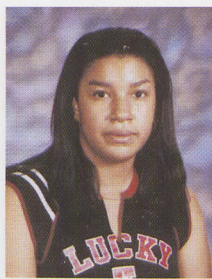
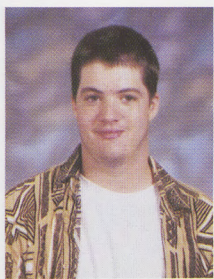
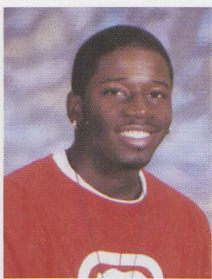
Crossing bridges in time for class . .

Southwest serves as bridge to future

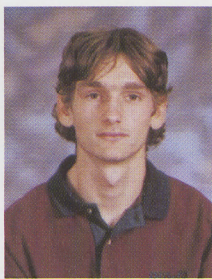
Each day, students cross the many bridges and crosswalks on campus on their way to a brighter future gained from the exceptional educational programs offered at Southwest.

Cousins Kim Conerly and Jennifer Conerly discuss the day's events while Ricardo Orellana pauses on his way to the science building.

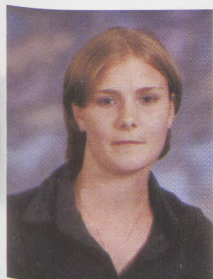




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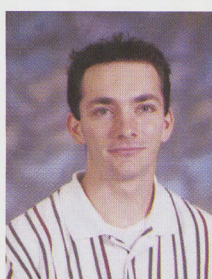
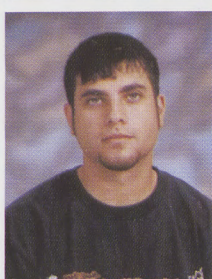
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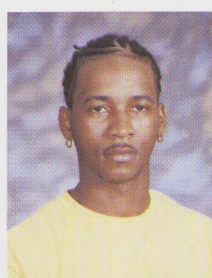
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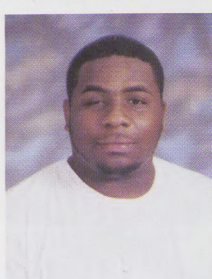
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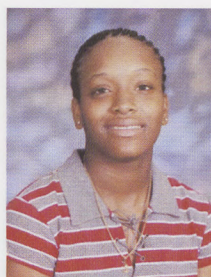
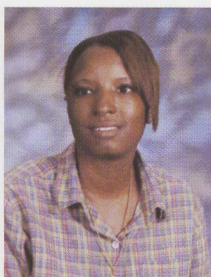


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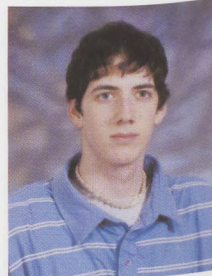
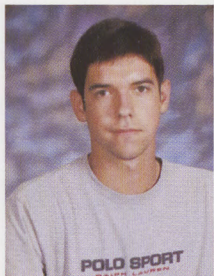


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Jackson, LA
Wilma Williams
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Tyler Williamson
Meadville
Amy Wilson
Tylertown
April Wilson
Monticello
Desiree Wilson
Magnolia
Jade Wilson
Franklinton, LA



Williams - Young

Regardless of time or location, campus remains busy . . .

Faculty members Alicia Shows and Dixie Stokes shiver and shake in the early morning hours before the Homecoming 5K run.



Reginald Magee keeps time with the other Stage Band members at the Homecoming program.



Graduating with a perfect 4.0 GPA spells ultimate success - a success that these 2002 graduates achieved.



Computer instructor Sally Coulter uses a projector to display information for her day and night computer classes.





Landon Wilson
Magnolia
Lorene Wilson
Kokomo
Mary Wilson
Brookhaven
Tameaka Wilson
Tylertown
Brandon Wood
Tylertown
Julie Woodard
McComb
Katie Woodard
Osyka
Robert Woodard
Magnolia
Cassandra Woods
Jackson
Tim Wright
Pass Christian
Kenyata Wynne
McComb
Zack Young
Ruth

From the cafeteria to the gym, auditorium, classroom, parking lot, or Registrar's Office, people dot the campus scene with one common purpose -- student success.



Judy Thames uses the hood of her truck for a study desk during breaks from classes.



Gwen Burges readies the cooking utensils for the next meal.



Jeannie Allred and Beverly Dunaway assist students in the Registrar's Office.



Time to say *good-bye*

"All good things must come to an end." "Never say good-bye; say, 'I'll see you later.'" "Parting is such sweet sorrow."

Whether you speak English, Latin, French, Spanish, or German, you have probably heard one or all of these phrases at some point in your life. Whatever the occasion, you have said good-bye many times and in many places, but none of these times have been as difficult as some students experience when they drive away from campus for the very last time on their way to a new job or a four-year institution. Why is leaving Southwest so difficult for many students whether they have attended for only one semester or for the entire two years?

At Southwest, students chose career paths, made lasting friendships, found lifelong mates, gained self-assurance and independence, experienced spiritual growth, and earned skills for a new job or knowledge for continued study. For many, it was a time when a butterfly emerged from a cocoon.

However, opportunities exist for students to return to campus as seen by the many former students and graduates who returned to celebrate Homecoming and to pay tribute to President Horace C. Holmes' fifty years of service to this institution. When these students return, they will see continued physical growth, continued aesthetic improvements, and continued expansion of programs to meet the needs of today's youth and tomorrow's leaders.

As the days, weeks, and months turn into years, their time at Southwest will become an even greater treasure to them *As Time Goes By* . . .



Not only does Southwest art instructor Dub Brock give his time to the students, but he also shares his talent with the school. Brock sketched the campus map for homecoming T-shirts.





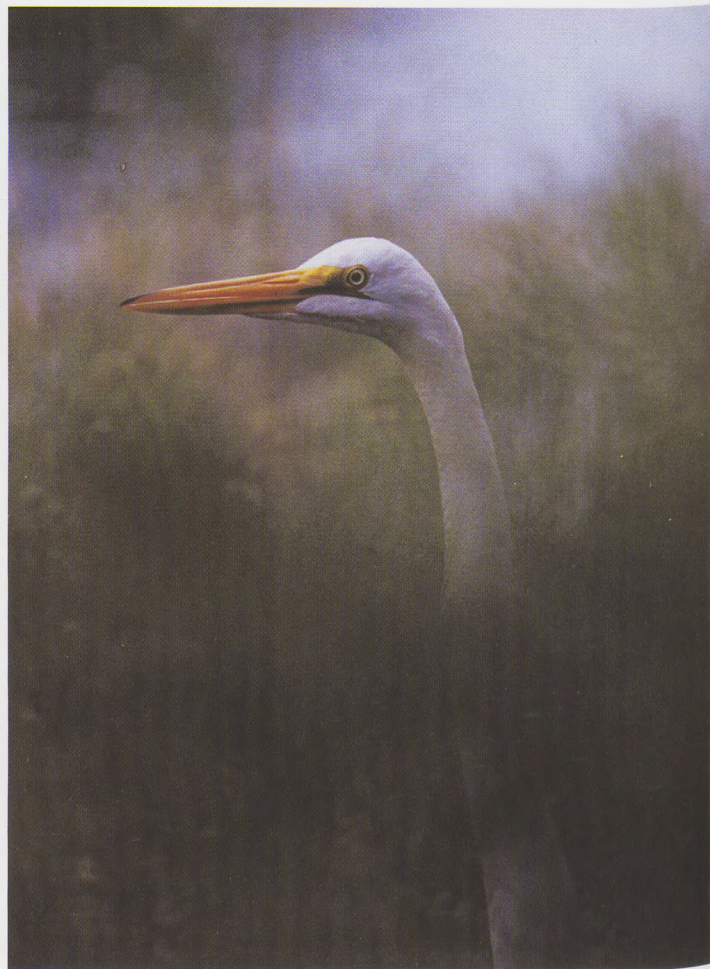
What will Southwest students remember *As Time Goes By?*

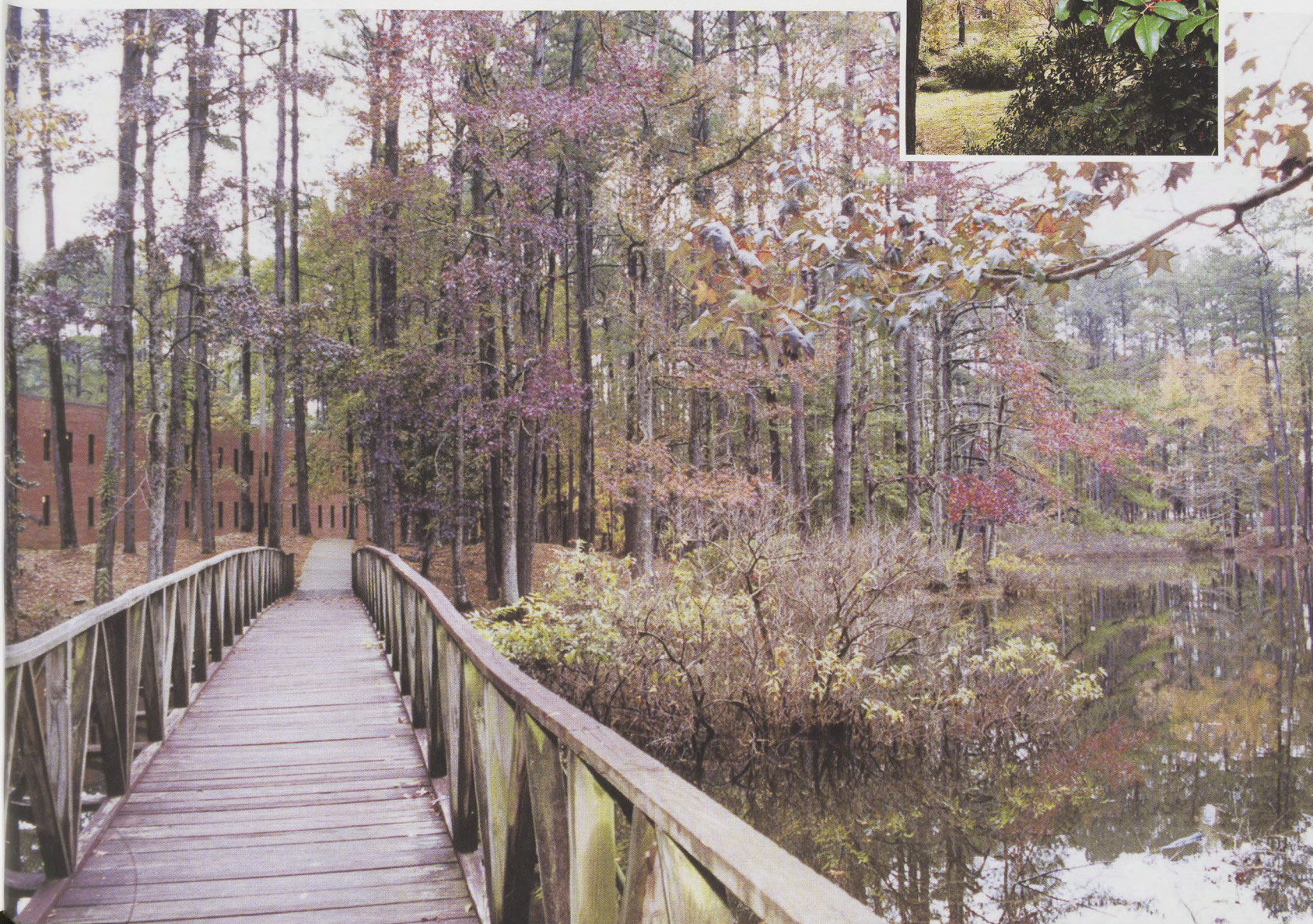
- Students will remember walking to class with a friend.
- Brittany Ratcliff will remember those days of wrapping ankles for athletes, including Nic Wilson.
- Students in Miss Ginn's history class will remember her spirited lectures and the day Doug Bowser and Eugene Deer from the Southwest Gun Club detailed the history of guns and ammunition.
- Kelly Rhodus will remember her days as a Bear on the fastpitch softball team.
- Though not a student, Registrar Glenn Shoemake will remember those hectic days when he looked outside his office window to see the birds flock to his feeder, which served as a reminder that the Father who watched and cared for the birds cared for him and the students he assisted each day.

... OR ...
Will students remember
campus scenes
As Time Goes By?

- The foliage in full bloom throughout each season
- The bridges traveled to move conveniently across campus
- The "visitor" captured by amateur photographer Ronnie Welch or the "residents" of Bear Lake who squawk and hiss at passersby

Whatever your fondest memory of Southwest, be it friend, fowl, or foliage, Southwest does grow more endearing each year in the hearts of many *As Time Goes By* . . .





Student Directory

The following list contains names of students enrolled at Southwest for the 2003 spring semester.

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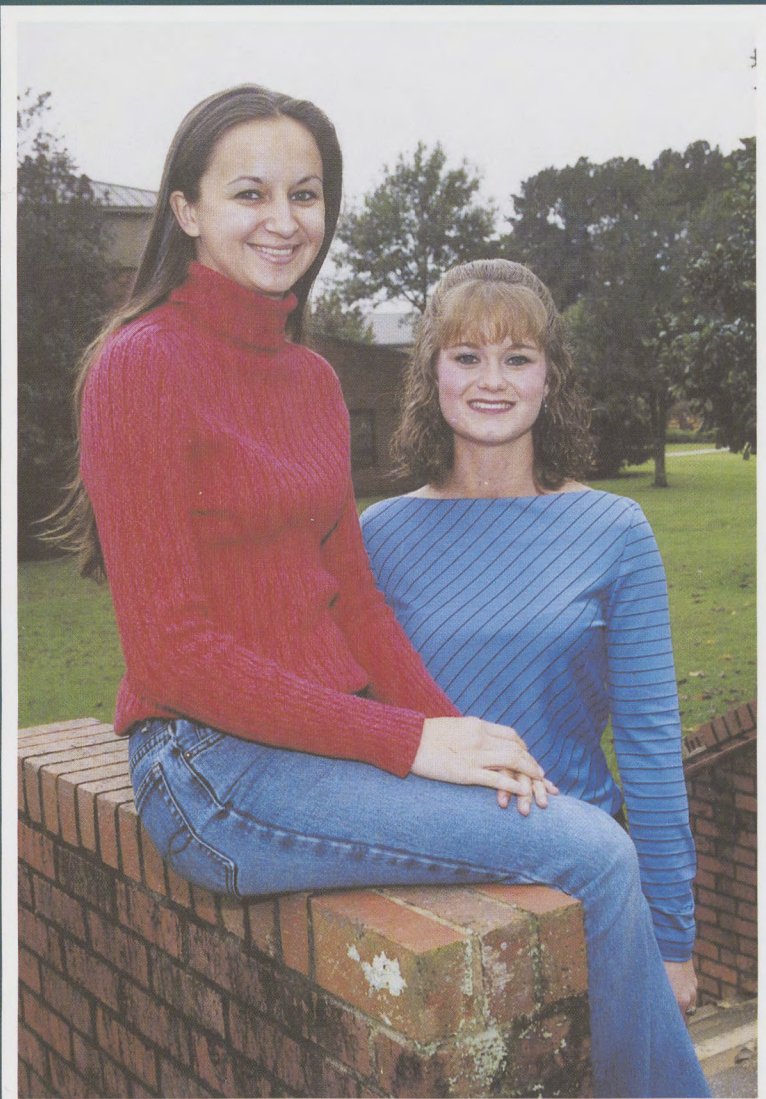
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